286.6	ARTICLE 7
286.7	BACKGROUND STUDIES
286.8	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 13.46, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
286.9	Subd. 4. Licensing data. (a) As used in this subdivision:
286.10 286.11 286.12 286.13	(1) "licensing data" are all data collected, maintained, used, or disseminated by the welfare system pertaining to persons licensed or registered or who apply for licensure or registration or who formerly were licensed or registered under the authority of the commissioner of human services;
286.14 286.15	(2) "client" means a person who is receiving services from a licensee or from an applicant for licensure; and
286.16 286.17 286.18	(3) "personal and personal financial data" are Social Security numbers, identity of and letters of reference, insurance information, reports from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, health examination reports, and social/home studies.
286.19 286.20 286.21 286.22 286.23 286.24 286.25 286.26 286.27 286.28	(b)(1)(i) Except as provided in paragraph (c), the following data on applicants, license holders, and former licensees are public: name, address, telephone number of licensees, date of receipt of a completed application, dates of licensure, licensed capacity, type of client preferred, variances granted, record of training and education in child care and child development, type of dwelling, name and relationship of other family members, previous license history, class of license, the existence and status of complaints, and the number of serious injuries to or deaths of individuals in the licensed program as reported to the commissioner of human services, the local social services agency, or any other county welfare agency. For purposes of this clause, a serious injury is one that is treated by a physician.
286.29 286.30 286.31 286.32 287.1 287.2 287.3 287.4 287.5 287.6	(ii) Except as provided in item (v), when a correction order, an order to forfeit a fine, an order of license suspension, an order of temporary immediate suspension, an order of license revocation, an order of license denial, or an order of conditional license has been issued, or a complaint is resolved, the following data on current and former licensees and applicants are public: the general nature of the complaint or allegations leading to the temporary immediate suspension; the substance and investigative findings of the licensing or maltreatment complaint, licensing violation, or substantiated maltreatment; the existence of settlement negotiations; the record of informal resolution of a licensing violation; orders of hearing; findings of fact; conclusions of law; specifications of the final correction order, fine, suspension, temporary immediate suspension, revocation, denial, or conditional license contained in the record of licensing action; whether a fine has been paid; and the status of
287.8 287.9 287.10 287.11	any appeal of these actions. (iii) When a license denial under section 245A.05 or a sanction under section 245A.07 is based on a determination that a license holder, applicant, or controlling individual is responsible for maltreatment under section 626.557 or chapter 260E, the identity of the

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287.13 maltreatment is public data at the time of the issuance of the license denial or sanction. 287.14 (iv) When a license denial under section 245A.05 or a sanction under section 245A.07 287.15 is based on a determination that a license holder, applicant, or controlling individual is 287.16 disqualified under chapter 245C, the identity of the license holder, applicant, or controlling 287.17 individual as the disqualified individual and the reason for the disqualification are is public 287.18 data at the time of the issuance of the licensing sanction or denial. If the applicant, license 287.19 holder, or controlling individual requests reconsideration of the disqualification and the 287.20 disqualification is affirmed, the reason for the disqualification and the reason to not set aside 287.21 the disqualification are public private data. (v) A correction order or fine issued to a child care provider for a licensing violation is 287.23 private data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12, or nonpublic data under 287.24 section 13.02, subdivision 9, if the correction order or fine is seven years old or older. 287.25 (2) For applicants who withdraw their application prior to licensure or denial of a license, 287.26 the following data are public: the name of the applicant, the city and county in which the 287.27 applicant was seeking licensure, the dates of the commissioner's receipt of the initial 287.28 application and completed application, the type of license sought, and the date of withdrawal 287.29 of the application. 287.30 (3) For applicants who are denied a license, the following data are public: the name and address of the applicant, the city and county in which the applicant was seeking licensure, 287.32 the dates of the commissioner's receipt of the initial application and completed application. the type of license sought, the date of denial of the application, the nature of the basis for the denial, the existence of settlement negotiations, the record of informal resolution of a denial, orders of hearings, findings of fact, conclusions of law, specifications of the final order of denial, and the status of any appeal of the denial. 288.3 (4) When maltreatment is substantiated under section 626.557 or chapter 260E and the victim and the substantiated perpetrator are affiliated with a program licensed under chapter 245A, the commissioner of human services, local social services agency, or county welfare agency may inform the license holder where the maltreatment occurred of the identity of the substantiated perpetrator and the victim. 288.7 288.8 (5) Notwithstanding clause (1), for child foster care, only the name of the license holder and the status of the license are public if the county attorney has requested that data otherwise classified as public data under clause (1) be considered private data based on the best interests of a child in placement in a licensed program.

(c) The following are private data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12,

288.13 or nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9: personal and personal financial data on family day care program and family foster care program applicants and licensees and

288.15 their family members who provide services under the license.

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287.12 applicant, license holder, or controlling individual as the individual responsible for

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288.16 (d) The following are private data on individuals: the identity of persons who have made 288.17 reports concerning licensees or applicants that appear in inactive investigative data, and the 288.18 records of clients or employees of the licensee or applicant for licensure whose records are 288.19 received by the licensing agency for purposes of review or in anticipation of a contested 288.20 matter. The names of reporters of complaints or alleged violations of licensing standards 288.21 under chapters 245A, 245B, 245C, and 245D, and applicable rules and alleged maltreatment under section 626.557 and chapter 260E, are confidential data and may be disclosed only 288.23 as provided in section 260E.21, subdivision 4; 260E.35; or 626.557, subdivision 12b. 288.24 (e) Data classified as private, confidential, nonpublic, or protected nonpublic under this subdivision become public data if submitted to a court or administrative law judge as part 288.26 of a disciplinary proceeding in which there is a public hearing concerning a license which 288.27 has been suspended, immediately suspended, revoked, or denied. 288.28 (f) Data generated in the course of licensing investigations that relate to an alleged violation of law are investigative data under subdivision 3. 288.29 288.30 (g) Data that are not public data collected, maintained, used, or disseminated under this 288.31 subdivision that relate to or are derived from a report as defined in section 260E.03, or 626.5572, subdivision 18, are subject to the destruction provisions of sections 260E.35, 288.33 subdivision 6, and 626.557, subdivision 12b. 289.1 (h) Upon request, not public data collected, maintained, used, or disseminated under this subdivision that relate to or are derived from a report of substantiated maltreatment as 289.2 defined in section 626.557 or chapter 260E may be exchanged with the Department of Health for purposes of completing background studies pursuant to section 144.057 and with the Department of Corrections for purposes of completing background studies pursuant to 289.6 section 241.021. 289.7 (i) Data on individuals collected according to licensing activities under chapters 245A and 245C, data on individuals collected by the commissioner of human services according to investigations under section 626.557 and chapters 245A, 245B, 245C, 245D, and 260E may be shared with the Department of Human Rights, the Department of Health, the 289.11 Department of Corrections, the ombudsman for mental health and developmental disabilities, 289.12 and the individual's professional regulatory board when there is reason to believe that laws 289.13 or standards under the jurisdiction of those agencies may have been violated or the 289.14 information may otherwise be relevant to the board's regulatory jurisdiction. Background 289.15 study data on an individual who is the subject of a background study under chapter 245C 289.16 for a licensed service for which the commissioner of human services is the license holder 289.17 may be shared with the commissioner and the commissioner's delegate by the licensing 289.18 division. Unless otherwise specified in this chapter, the identity of a reporter of alleged 289.19 maltreatment or licensing violations may not be disclosed. (i) In addition to the notice of determinations required under sections 260E.24, 289.21 subdivisions 5 and 7, and 260E.30, subdivision 6, paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f), if the

289.22 commissioner or the local social services agency has determined that an individual is a

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289.24 289.25	individual is a person responsible for a child's care in another facility, the commissioner or
	local social services agency shall notify the head of that facility of this determination. The
289.27	notification must include an explanation of the individual's available appeal rights and the status of any appeal. If a notice is given under this paragraph, the government entity making
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	notice.
289.31	(k) All not public data collected, maintained, used, or disseminated under this subdivision
289.32	and subdivision 3 may be exchanged between the Department of Human Services, Licensing
289.33	Division, and the Department of Corrections for purposes of regulating services for which
289.34	the Department of Human Services and the Department of Corrections have regulatory
289.35	authority.
290.1	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
290.2	read:
290.3	Subd. 7a. Conservator. "Conservator" has the meaning given in section 524.1-201,
290.4	clause (10), and includes proposed and current conservators.
290.5	Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
290.6	read:
290.7	Subd. 11f. Guardian. "Guardian" has the meaning given in section 524.1-201, clause
290.8	(27), and includes proposed and current guardians.
290.9	Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.02, subdivision 13e, is amended to read:
290.10	Subd. 13e. NETStudy 2.0. "NETStudy 2.0" means the commissioner's system that
	replaces both NETStudy and the department's internal background study processing system.
	NETStudy 2.0 is designed to enhance protection of children and vulnerable adults by
	improving the accuracy of background studies through fingerprint-based criminal record
	checks and expanding the background studies to include a review of information from the
	Minnesota Court Information System and the national crime information database. NETStudy
290.16	2.0 is also designed to increase efficiencies in and the speed of the hiring process by:
290.17	(1) providing access to and updates from public web-based data related to employment
	eligibility;
290.19	(2) decreasing the need for repeat studies through electronic updates of background
290.20	study subjects' criminal records;
290.21	(3) supporting identity verification using subjects' Social Security numbers and
290.22	photographs;
290.23	(4) using electronic employer notifications; and

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343.13 343.14	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
343.15 343.16	Subd. 7a. Conservator. "Conservator" has the meaning given under section 524.1-201, clause (10), and includes proposed and current conservators.
343.17 343.18	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:
343.19 343.20	Subd. 11f. Guardian. "Guardian" has the meaning given under section 524.1-201, claus (27), and includes proposed and current guardians.
343.21	Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.02, subdivision 13e, is amended to read:
343.24 343.25 343.26 343.27	Subd. 13e. NETStudy 2.0. "NETStudy 2.0" means the commissioner's system that replaces both NETStudy and the department's internal background study processing system. NETStudy 2.0 is designed to enhance protection of children and vulnerable adults by improving the accuracy of background studies through fingerprint-based criminal record checks and expanding the background studies to include a review of information from the Minnesota Court Information System and the national crime information database. NETStudy 2.0 is also designed to increase efficiencies in and the speed of the hiring process by:
343.29 343.30	(1) providing access to and updates from public web-based data related to employment eligibility;
344.1 344.2	(2) decreasing the need for repeat studies through electronic updates of background study subjects' criminal records;
344.3 344.4	(3) supporting identity verification using subjects' Social Security numbers and photographs;
344.5	(4) using electronic employer notifications; and

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290.24 290.25	(5) issuing immediate verification of subjects' eligibility to provide services as more studies are completed under the NETStudy 2.0 system; and
290.26 290.27	(6) providing electronic access to certain notices for entities and background study subjects.
290.28	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
290.29 290.30	Subdivision 1. Licensed programs. (a) The commissioner shall conduct a background study on:
291.1	(1) the person or persons applying for a license;
291.2 291.3	(2) an individual age 13 and over living in the household where the licensed program will be provided who is not receiving licensed services from the program;
291.4 291.5	(3) current or prospective employees or contractors of the applicant or license holder who will have direct contact with persons served by the facility, agency, or program;
291.6 291.7 291.8	(4) volunteers or student volunteers who will have direct contact with persons served by the program to provide program services if the contact is not under the continuous, direct supervision by an individual listed in clause (1) or (3);
291.9 291.10 291.11	(5) an individual age ten to 12 living in the household where the licensed services will be provided when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 15;
291.14	(6) an individual who, without providing direct contact services at a licensed program, may have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults receiving services from a program, when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 15;
291.16	(7) all controlling individuals as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 5a;
291.17 291.18	(8) notwithstanding the other requirements in this subdivision, child care background study subjects as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 6a; and
291.19 291.20 291.21	(9) notwithstanding clause (3), for children's residential facilities and foster residence settings, any adult working in the facility, whether or not the individual will have direct contact with persons served by the facility.
291.22 291.23 291.24 291.25	a child for less than 72 hours of continuous care is not required to receive a background
291.26 291.27	(c) This subdivision applies to the following programs that must be licensed under chapter 245A:
291.28	(1) adult foster care;

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344.6 344.7	(5) issuing immediate verification of subjects' eligibility to provide services as more studies are completed under the NETStudy 2.0 system; and
344.8 344.9	(6) providing electronic access to certain notices for entities and background study subjects.
344.10	Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
344.11 344.12	Subdivision 1. Licensed programs. (a) The commissioner shall conduct a background study on:
344.13	(1) the person or persons applying for a license;
344.14 344.15	(2) an individual age 13 and over living in the household where the licensed program will be provided who is not receiving licensed services from the program;
344.16 344.17	(3) current or prospective employees or contractors of the applicant who will have direct contact with persons served by the facility, agency, or program;
	(4) volunteers or student volunteers who will have direct contact with persons served by the program to provide program services if the contact is not under the continuous, direct supervision by an individual listed in clause (1) or (3);
	(5) an individual age ten to 12 living in the household where the licensed services will be provided when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 15;
344.26	(6) an individual who, without providing direct contact services at a licensed program, may have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults receiving services from a program, when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 15;
344.28	(7) all controlling individuals as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 5a;
344.29 344.30	(8) notwithstanding the other requirements in this subdivision, child care background study subjects as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 6a; and
345.1 345.2 345.3	(9) notwithstanding clause (3), for children's residential facilities and foster residence settings, any adult working in the facility, whether or not the individual will have direct contact with persons served by the facility.
345.4 345.5 345.6 345.7	(b) For child foster care when the license holder resides in the home where foster care services are provided, a short-term substitute caregiver providing direct contact services for a child for less than 72 hours of continuous care is not required to receive a background study under this chapter.
345.8 345.9	(c) This subdivision applies to the following programs that must be licensed under chapter 245A:
345.10	(1) adult foster care;

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291.29	(2) child foster care;
291.30	(3) children's residential facilities;
291.31	(4) family child care;
292.1	(5) licensed child care centers;
292.2	(6) licensed home and community-based services under chapter 245D;
292.3	(7) residential mental health programs for adults;
292.4	(8) substance use disorder treatment programs under chapter 245G;
292.5	(9) withdrawal management programs under chapter 245F;
292.6	(10) adult day care centers;
292.7	(11) family adult day services;
292.8	(12) independent living assistance for youth;
292.9	(13) detoxification programs;
292.10	(14) community residential settings; and
292.11 292.12	(15) intensive residential treatment services and residential crisis stabilization under chapter 245I; and
	(16) treatment programs for persons with sexual psychopathic personality or sexually dangerous persons, licensed under chapter 245A and according to Minnesota Rules, parts 9515.3000 to 9515.3110.

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345.11	(2) child foster care;
345.12	(3) children's residential facilities;
345.13	(4) family child care;
345.14	(5) licensed child care centers;
345.15	(6) licensed home and community-based services under chapter 245D;
345.16	(7) residential mental health programs for adults;
345.17	(8) substance use disorder treatment programs under chapter 245G;
345.18	(9) withdrawal management programs under chapter 245F;
345.19	(10) adult day care centers;
345.20	(11) family adult day services;
345.21	(12) independent living assistance for youth;
345.22	(13) detoxification programs;
345.23	(14) community residential settings; and
345.24 345.25	(15) intensive residential treatment services and residential crisis stabilization under chapter $2451\frac{1}{5}$; and
345.26 345.27 345.28	(16) treatment programs for persons with sexual psychopathic personality or sexually dangerous persons, licensed under chapter 245A and according to Minnesota Rules, parts 9515.3000 to 9515.3110.
	UES2995-2 ARTICLE 9, SECTION 18 ALSO AMENDS SECTION 245C.03 SUBD. 1, AND IS BELOW.
460.24	Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
460.25 460.26	Subdivision 1. Licensed programs. (a) The commissioner shall conduct a background study on:
460.27	(1) the person or persons applying for a license;
460.28 460.29	(2) an individual age 13 and over living in the household where the licensed program will be provided who is not receiving licensed services from the program;
461.1 461.2	(3) current or prospective employees or contractors of the applicant or license holder who will have direct contact with persons served by the facility, agency, or program;
461.3 461.4 461.5	(4) volunteers or student volunteers who will have direct contact with persons served by the program to provide program services if the contact is not under the continuous, direct supervision by an individual listed in clause (1) or (3);

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461.6 461.7 461.8	(5) an individual age ten to 12 living in the household where the licensed services will be provided when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 15;
461.9 461.10 461.11 461.12	program, when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section 245C.02,
461.13	(7) all controlling individuals as defined in section 245A.02, subdivision 5a;
461.14 461.15	(8) notwithstanding the other requirements in this subdivision, child care background study subjects as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 6a; and
461.16 461.17 461.18	(9) notwithstanding clause (3), for children's residential facilities and foster residence settings, any adult working in the facility, whether or not the individual will have direct contact with persons served by the facility.
461.19 461.20 461.21 461.22	(b) For child foster care when the license holder resides in the home where foster care services are provided, a short-term substitute caregiver providing direct contact services for a child for less than 72 hours of continuous care is not required to receive a background study under this chapter.
461.23 461.24	(c) This subdivision applies to the following programs that must be licensed under chapter 245A:
461.25	(1) adult foster care;
461.26	(2) child foster care;
461.27	(3) children's residential facilities;
461.28	(4) family child care;
461.29	(5) licensed child care centers;
461.30	(6) licensed home and community-based services under chapter 245D;
461.31	(7) residential mental health programs for adults;
462.1	(8) substance use disorder treatment programs under chapter 245G;
462.2	(9) withdrawal management programs under chapter 245F;
462.3	(10) adult day care centers;
462.4	(11) family adult day services;
462.5	(12) independent living assistance for youth;
462.6	(13) (12) detoxification programs;

292.16	Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.03, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:
292.17 292.18 292.19	Subd. 1a. Procedure. (a) Individuals and organizations that are required under this section to have or initiate background studies shall comply with the requirements of this chapter.
292.19	chapter.
292.20	(b) All studies conducted under this section shall be conducted according to sections
292.21	299C.60 to 299C.64. This requirement does not apply to subdivisions 1, paragraph (c),
292.22	clauses (2) to (5), and 6a.
292.23	(c) All data obtained by the commissioner for a background study completed under this
292.24	section is classified as private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision
292.25	<u>9.</u>
292.26	Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.031, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
292.27	Subdivision 1. Alternative background studies. (a) The commissioner shall conduct
292.28	an alternative background study of individuals listed in this section.
293.1	(b) Notwithstanding other sections of this chapter, all alternative background studies
293.2	except subdivision 12 shall be conducted according to this section and with sections 299C.60
293.3	to 299C.64.
293.4	(c) All terms in this section shall have the definitions provided in section 245C.02.
293.5	(d) The entity that submits an alternative background study request under this section
293.6	shall submit the request to the commissioner according to section 245C.05.
293.7	(e) The commissioner shall comply with the destruction requirements in section 245C.05
293.8	(f) Background studies conducted under this section are subject to the provisions of
293.9	section 245C.32.
293.10	(g) The commissioner shall forward all information that the commissioner receives under
293.11	section 245C.08 to the entity that submitted the alternative background study request under
293.12	subdivision 2. The commissioner shall not make any eligibility determinations regarding
293.13	background studies conducted under this section.
293.14	(b) All data obtained by the commissioner for a healtergound study completed and an this
293.14	(h) All data obtained by the commissioner for a background study completed under this section is classified as private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision
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462.10	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
462.9	chapter 245I.
462.8	(15) (14) intensive residential treatment services and residential crisis stabilization und
462.7	(14) (13) community residential settings; and

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293.17	Sec. 8. [245C.033] GUARDIANS AND CONSERVATORS; MALTREATMENT
293.18	AND STATE LICENSING AGENCY CHECKS.
293.19	Subdivision 1. Maltreatment data. Requests for maltreatment data submitted pursuant
293.20	to section 524.5-118 must include information regarding whether the guardian or conservator
293.21	has been a perpetrator of substantiated maltreatment of a vulnerable adult under section
293.22	626.557 or a minor under chapter 260E. If the guardian or conservator has been the
293.23	perpetrator of substantiated maltreatment of a vulnerable adult or a minor, the commissioner
293.24	must include a copy of any available public portion of the investigation memorandum under
293.25	section 626.557, subdivision 12b, or any available public portion of the investigation
293.26	memorandum under section 260E.30.
293.27	Subd. 2. State licensing agency data. (a) Requests for state licensing agency data
293.28	submitted pursuant to section 524.5-118 must include information from a check of state
293.29	licensing agency records.
293.30	(b) The commissioner shall provide the court with licensing agency data for licenses
293.31	directly related to the responsibilities of a guardian or conservator if the guardian or
293.32	conservator has a current or prior affiliation with the:
294.1	(1) Lawyers Responsibility Board;
294.2	(2) State Board of Accountancy;
294.3	(3) Board of Social Work;
294.4	(4) Board of Psychology;
294.5	(5) Board of Nursing;
294.6	(6) Board of Medical Practice;
294.7	(7) Department of Education;
294.8	(8) Department of Commerce;
294.9	(9) Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
294.10	(10) Board of Dentistry;
294.11	(11) Board of Marriage and Family Therapy;
294.12	(12) Department of Human Services;
294.13	(13) Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board; and
294.14	(14) Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.
294.15	(c) The commissioner shall provide to the court the electronically available data
294.16	maintained in the agency's database, including whether the guardian or conservator is or
294.17	has been licensed by the agency and whether a disciplinary action or a sanction against the

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346.1	Sec. 5. [245C.033] GUARDIANS AND CONSERVATORS; MALTREATMENT
346.2	AND STATE LICENSING AGENCY CHECKS.
346.3	Subdivision 1. Maltreatment data. Requests for maltreatment data submitted pursuant
346.4	to section 524.5-118 must include information regarding whether the guardian or conservator
346.5	has been a perpetrator of substantiated maltreatment of a vulnerable adult under section
346.6	626.557 or a minor under chapter 260E. If the guardian or conservator has been the
346.7	perpetrator of substantiated maltreatment of a vulnerable adult or a minor, the commissioner
346.8	must include a copy of any available public portion of the investigation memorandum under
346.9	section 626.557, subdivision 12b, or any available public portion of the investigation
346.10	memorandum under section 260E.30.
346.11	Subd. 2. State licensing agency data. (a) Requests for state licensing agency data
346.12	submitted pursuant to section 524.5-118 shall include information from a check of state
346.13	licensing agency records.
346.14	(b) The commissioner shall provide the court with licensing agency data for licenses
346.15	directly related to the responsibilities of a guardian or conservator if the guardian or
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346.17	(1) Lawyers Responsibility Board;
346.18	(2) State Board of Accountancy;
346.19	(3) Board of Social Work;
346.20	(4) Board of Psychology;
346.21	(5) Board of Nursing;
346.22	(6) Board of Medical Practice;
346.23	(7) Department of Education;
346.24	(8) Department of Commerce;
346.25	(9) Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
346.26	(10) Board of Dentistry;
346.27	(11) Board of Marriage and Family Therapy;
346.28	(12) Department of Human Services;
346.29	(13) Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board; or
346.30	(14) Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.
347.1	(c) The commissioner shall provide to the court the electronically available data
347.2	maintained in the agency's database, including whether the guardian or conservator is or
347.3	has been licensed by the agency and whether a disciplinary action or a sanction against the

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	individual's license, including a condition, suspension, revocation, or cancellation, is in the licensing agency's database.
294.25	Subd. 3. Procedure; maltreatment and state licensing agency data. Requests for maltreatment and state licensing agency data checks must be submitted by the guardian or conservator to the commissioner on the form or in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. Upon receipt of a signed informed consent and payment under section 245C.10, the commissioner shall complete the maltreatment and state licensing agency checks. Upon completion of the checks, the commissioner shall provide the requested information to the courts on the form or in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. Subd. 4. Classification of maltreatment and state licensing agency data; access to information. All data obtained by the commissioner for maltreatment and state licensing agency checks completed under this section is classified as private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 9.
295.1	Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
295.2 295.3 295.4	Subdivision 1. Licensed programs; other child care programs. (a) The commissioner shall conduct a background study of an individual required to be studied under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, at least upon application for initial license for all license types.
295.11 295.12	(b) The commissioner shall conduct a background study of an individual required to be studied under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, including a child care background study subject as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 6a, in a family child care program, licensed child care center, certified license-exempt child care center, or legal nonlicensed child care provider, on a schedule determined by the commissioner. Except as provided in section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, a child care background study must include submission of fingerprints for a national criminal history record check and a review of the information under section 245C.08. A background study for a child care program must be repeated within five years from the most recent study conducted under this paragraph.
	(c) At reauthorization or when a new background study is needed under section 119B.125, subdivision 1a, for a legal nonlicensed child care provider authorized under chapter 119B, the individual shall provide information required under section 245C.05, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a), (b), and (d), to the commissioner and be fingerprinted and photographed under section 245C.05, subdivision 5. The commissioner shall verify the information received under this paragraph and submit the request in NETStudy 2.0 to complete the background study.
295.21	(e) (d) At reapplication for a family child care license:

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347.4 347.5	individual's license, including a condition, suspension, revocation, or cancellation, is in the licensing agency's database.
347.6 347.7 347.8 347.9 347.10 347.11 347.12	Subd. 3. Procedure; maltreatment and state licensing agency data. Requests for maltreatment and state licensing agency data checks must be submitted by the guardian or conservator to the commissioner on the form or in the manner prescribed by the commissioner. Upon receipt of a signed informed consent and payment under section 245C.10, the commissioner shall complete the maltreatment and state licensing agency checks. Upon completion of the checks, the commissioner shall provide the requested information to the courts on the form or in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.
347.13 347.14 347.15	Subd. 4. Classification of maltreatment and state licensing agency data; access to information. All data obtained by the commissioner for maltreatment and state licensing agency checks completed under this section are classified as private data.
	THE FOLLOWING SECTION WAS TAKEN OUT OF H0238-3 ARTICLE 1. H0238-3
24.21	Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
24.22 24.23 24.24	Subdivision 1. Licensed programs; other child care programs. (a) The commissioner shall conduct a background study of an individual required to be studied under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, at least upon application for initial license for all license types.
24.25 24.26 24.27 24.28 24.29 24.30 24.31 25.1	(b) The commissioner shall conduct a background study of an individual required to be studied under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, including a child care background study subject as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 6a, in a family child care program, licensed child care center, certified license-exempt child care center, or legal nonlicensed child care provider, on a schedule determined by the commissioner. Except as provided in section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, a child care background study must include submission of fingerprints for a national criminal history record check and a review of the information under section 245C.08. A background study for a child care program must be repeated within five years from the most recent study conducted under this paragraph.
25.3 25.4	(c) At reauthorization or when a new background study is needed under section 119B.125, subdivision 1a, for a legal nonlicensed child care provider authorized under chapter 119B:
25.5 25.6 25.7 25.8	(1) for a background study affiliated with a legal nonlicensed child care provider, the individual shall provide information required under section 245C.05, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a), (b), and (d), to the commissioner and be fingerprinted and photographed under section 245C.05, subdivision 5; and
25.9 25.10	(2) the commissioner shall verify the information received under clause (1) and submit the request in NETStudy 2.0 to complete the background study.
25.11	(e) (d) At reapplication for a family child care license:

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295.24	(1) for a background study affiliated with a licensed family child care center or legal nonlicensed child care provider, the individual shall provide information required under section 245C.05, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a), (b), and (d), to the county agency, and be fingerprinted and photographed under section 245C.05, subdivision 5;
	(2) the county agency shall verify the information received under clause (1) and forward the information to the commissioner and submit the request in NETStudy 2.0 to complete the background study; and
295.29 295.30	(3) the background study conducted by the commissioner under this paragraph must include a review of the information required under section 245C.08.
295.31 295.32 295.33	(d) (e) The commissioner is not required to conduct a study of an individual at the time of reapplication for a license if the individual's background study was completed by the commissioner of human services and the following conditions are met:
296.1 296.2	(1) a study of the individual was conducted either at the time of initial licensure or when the individual became affiliated with the license holder;
296.3 296.4	(2) the individual has been continuously affiliated with the license holder since the last study was conducted; and
296.5	(3) the last study of the individual was conducted on or after October 1, 1995.
296.6 296.7 296.8	(e) (f) The commissioner of human services shall conduct a background study of an individual specified under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) to (6), who is newly affiliated with a child foster family setting license holder:
296.9 296.10 296.11 296.12	family setting applicant or license holder resides in the home where child foster care services
	(2) the background study conducted by the commissioner of human services under this paragraph must include a review of the information required under section 245C.08, subdivisions 1, 3, and 4.
296.18	(f) (g) The commissioner shall conduct a background study of an individual specified under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) to (6), who is newly affiliated with an adult foster care or family adult day services and with a family child care license holder or a legal nonlicensed child care provider authorized under chapter 119B and:
296.22 296.23 296.24	(1) except as provided in section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, the county shall collect and forward to the commissioner the information required under section 245C.05, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a) and (b), and subdivision 5, paragraph (b), for background studies conducted by the commissioner for all family adult day services, for adult foster care when the adult foster care license holder resides in the adult foster care residence, and for family child care and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B;

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(1) for a background study affiliated with a licensed family child care center or legal

nonlicensed child care provider, the individual shall provide information required under section 245C.05, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a), (b), and (d), to the county agency, and be fingerprinted and photographed under section 245C.05, subdivision 5;
(2) the county agency shall verify the information received under clause (1) and forward the information to the commissioner and submit the request in NETStudy 2.0 to complete the background study; and
(3) the background study conducted by the commissioner under this paragraph must include a review of the information required under section 245C.08.
(d) (e) The commissioner is not required to conduct a study of an individual at the time of reapplication for a license if the individual's background study was completed by the commissioner of human services and the following conditions are met:
(1) a study of the individual was conducted either at the time of initial licensure or when the individual became affiliated with the license holder;
(2) the individual has been continuously affiliated with the license holder since the last study was conducted; and
(3) the last study of the individual was conducted on or after October 1, 1995.
(e) (f) The commissioner of human services shall conduct a background study of an individual specified under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) to (6), who is newly affiliated with a child foster family setting license holder:
(1) the county or private agency shall collect and forward to the commissioner the information required under section 245C.05, subdivisions 1 and 5, when the child foster family setting applicant or license holder resides in the home where child foster care services are provided; and
(2) the background study conducted by the commissioner of human services under this paragraph must include a review of the information required under section 245C.08, subdivisions 1, 3, and 4.
(f) (g) The commissioner shall conduct a background study of an individual specified under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) to (6), who is newly affiliated with an adult foster care or family adult day services and with a family child care license holder or a legal nonlicensed child care provider authorized under chapter 119B and:
(1) except as provided in section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, the county shall collect and forward to the commissioner the information required under section 245C.05, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a) and (b), and subdivision 5, paragraph (b), for background studies conducted by the commissioner for all family adult day services, for adult foster care when the adult foster care license holder resides in the adult foster care residence, and for family child care and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B;

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296.28	(2) the license holder shall collect and forward to the commissioner the information required under section 245C.05, subdivisions 1, paragraphs (a) and (b); and 5, paragraphs (a) and (b), for background studies conducted by the commissioner for adult foster care when the license holder does not reside in the adult foster care residence; and
296.30 296.31 296.32	(3) the background study conducted by the commissioner under this paragraph must include a review of the information required under section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), and subdivisions 3 and 4.
297.1 297.2 297.3 297.4	(g) (h) Applicants for licensure, license holders, and other entities as provided in this chapter must submit completed background study requests to the commissioner using the electronic system known as NETStudy before individuals specified in section 245C.03, subdivision 1, begin positions allowing direct contact in any licensed program.
297.5 297.6	$\frac{h}{h}$ (i) For an individual who is not on the entity's active roster, the entity must initiate a new background study through NETStudy when:
297.7 297.8	(1) an individual returns to a position requiring a background study following an absence of 120 or more consecutive days; or
297.9 297.10	(2) a program that discontinued providing licensed direct contact services for 120 or more consecutive days begins to provide direct contact licensed services again.
297.13 297.14	The license holder shall maintain a copy of the notification provided to the commissione under this paragraph in the program's files. If the individual's disqualification was previously set aside for the license holder's program and the new background study results in no new information that indicates the individual may pose a risk of harm to persons receiving services from the license holder, the previous set-aside shall remain in effect.
297.18 297.19	(i) (j) For purposes of this section, a physician licensed under chapter 147, advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 148, or physician assistant licensed under chapter 147A is considered to be continuously affiliated upon the license holder's receipt from the commissioner of health or human services of the physician's, advanced practice registered nurse's, or physician assistant's background study results.
297.21 297.22	(j) (k) For purposes of family child care, a substitute caregiver must receive repeat background studies at the time of each license renewal.
297.25	(k) (l) A repeat background study at the time of license renewal is not required if the family child care substitute caregiver's background study was completed by the commissioner on or after October 1, 2017, and the substitute caregiver is on the license holder's active roster in NETStudy 2.0.
297.27 297.28	(<u>h</u>) (<u>m</u>) Before and after school programs authorized under chapter 119B, are exempt from the background study requirements under section 123B.03, for an employee for whom

297.29 a background study under this chapter has been completed.

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6.18 6.19 6.20 6.21	(2) the license holder shall collect and forward to the commissioner the information required under section 245C.05, subdivisions 1, paragraphs (a) and (b); and 5, paragraphs (a) and (b), for background studies conducted by the commissioner for adult foster care when the license holder does not reside in the adult foster care residence; and
6.22 6.23 6.24	(3) the background study conducted by the commissioner under this paragraph must include a review of the information required under section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), and subdivisions 3 and 4.
6.25 6.26 6.27 6.28	(g) (h) Applicants for licensure, license holders, and other entities as provided in this chapter must submit completed background study requests to the commissioner using the electronic system known as NETStudy before individuals specified in section 245C.03, subdivision 1, begin positions allowing direct contact in any licensed program.
6.29 6.30	$\frac{h}{(i)}$ For an individual who is not on the entity's active roster, the entity must initiate a new background study through NETStudy when:
6.31 6.32	(1) an individual returns to a position requiring a background study following an absence of 120 or more consecutive days; or
7.1 7.2	(2) a program that discontinued providing licensed direct contact services for 120 or more consecutive days begins to provide direct contact licensed services again.
7.3 7.4 7.5 7.6 7.7	The license holder shall maintain a copy of the notification provided to the commissioner under this paragraph in the program's files. If the individual's disqualification was previously set aside for the license holder's program and the new background study results in no new information that indicates the individual may pose a risk of harm to persons receiving services from the license holder, the previous set-aside shall remain in effect.
7.8 7.9 7.10 7.11 7.12	(i) (j) For purposes of this section, a physician licensed under chapter 147, advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 148, or physician assistant licensed under chapter 147A is considered to be continuously affiliated upon the license holder's receipt from the commissioner of health or human services of the physician's, advanced practice registered nurse's, or physician assistant's background study results.
7.13 7.14	$\frac{f}{f}$ For purposes of family child care, a substitute caregiver must receive repeat background studies at the time of each license renewal.
7.15 7.16 7.17 7.18	(k) (l) A repeat background study at the time of license renewal is not required if the family child care substitute caregiver's background study was completed by the commissioner on or after October 1, 2017, and the substitute caregiver is on the license holder's active roster in NETStudy 2.0.
7.19 7.20 7.21	(h) (m) Before and after school programs authorized under chapter 119B, are exempt from the background study requirements under section 123B.03, for an employee for whom a background study under this chapter has been completed.

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298.1	Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
298.2 298.3 298.4	Subdivision 1. Individual studied. (a) The individual who is the subject of the background study must provide the applicant, license holder, or other entity under section 245C.04 with sufficient information to ensure an accurate study, including:
298.5 298.6	(1) the individual's first, middle, and last name and all other names by which the individual has been known;
298.7	(2) current home address, city, and state of residence;
298.8	(3) current zip code;
298.9	(4) sex;
298.10	(5) date of birth;
298.11	(6) driver's license number or state identification number; and
298.12 298.13	(7) upon implementation of NETStudy 2.0, the home address, city, county, and state of residence for the past five years.
	(b) Every subject of a background study conducted or initiated by counties or private agencies under this chapter must also provide the home address, city, county, and state of residence for the past five years.
298.19	(c) Every subject of a background study related to private agency adoptions or related to child foster care licensed through a private agency, who is 18 years of age or older, shall also provide the commissioner a signed consent for the release of any information received from national crime information databases to the private agency that initiated the background study.
298.22 298.23	(d) The subject of a background study shall provide fingerprints and a photograph as required in subdivision 5.
	(e) The subject of a background study shall submit a completed criminal and maltreatment history records check consent form <u>and criminal history disclosure form</u> for applicable national and state level record checks.
298.27 298.28 298.29	(f) A background study subject who has access to the NETStudy 2.0 applicant portal must provide updated contact information to the commissioner via NETStudy 2.0 any time the subject's personal information changes for as long as they remain affiliated on any roster.

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347.16	Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
	Subdivision 1. Individual studied. (a) The individual who is the subject of the background study must provide the applicant, license holder, or other entity under section 245C.04 with sufficient information to ensure an accurate study, including:
347.20 347.21	(1) the individual's first, middle, and last name and all other names by which the individual has been known;
347.22	(2) current home address, city, and state of residence;
347.23	(3) current zip code;
347.24	(4) sex;
347.25	(5) date of birth;
347.26	(6) driver's license number or state identification number; and
347.27 347.28	(7) upon implementation of NETStudy 2.0, the home address, city, county, and state of residence for the past five years.
	(b) Every subject of a background study conducted or initiated by counties or private agencies under this chapter must also provide the home address, city, county, and state of residence for the past five years.
348.1 348.2 348.3 348.4 348.5	(c) Every subject of a background study related to private agency adoptions or related to child foster care licensed through a private agency, who is 18 years of age or older, shall also provide the commissioner a signed consent for the release of any information received from national crime information databases to the private agency that initiated the background study.
348.6 348.7	(d) The subject of a background study shall provide fingerprints and a photograph as required in subdivision 5.
348.8 348.9	(e) The subject of a background study shall submit a completed criminal and maltreatmen history records check consent form for applicable national and state level record checks.
348.10 348.11	(f) A background study subject who has access to the NETStudy 2.0 applicant portal must provide updated contact information to the commissioner via NETStudy 2.0 any time

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their personal information changes for as long as they remain affiliated on any roster.

299.1 299.2 299.3	(g) An entity must update contact information in NETStudy 2.0 for a background study subject on the entity's roster any time the entity receives new contact information from the study subject.		(g) An entity subject on the entity study subject.
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348.13 348.14 348.15	(g) An entity must update contact information in NETStudy 2.0 for a background study subject on the entity's roster any time the entity receives new contact information from the study subject.
	UES2995-2 ARTICLE 9, SECTION 25 ALSO AMENDS SECTION 245C.05 SUBD. 1, AND IS BELOW.
66.1	Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
66.2 66.3 66.4	Subdivision 1. Individual studied. (a) The individual who is the subject of the background study must provide the applicant, license holder, or other entity under section 245C.04 with sufficient information to ensure an accurate study, including:
66.5 66.6	(1) the individual's first, middle, and last name and all other names by which the individual has been known;
66.7	(2) current home address, city, and state of residence;
66.8	(3) current zip code;
66.9	(4) sex;
66.10	(5) date of birth;
66.11 66.12 66.13	(6) driver's license number or state identification number or, for those without a driver's license or state identification card, an acceptable form of identification as determined by the commissioner; and
66.14	(7) upon implementation of NETStudy 2.0, the home address, city, county, and state of residence for the past five years.
66.16 66.17 66.18	(b) Every subject of a background study conducted or initiated by counties or private agencies under this chapter must also provide the home address, city, county, and state of residence for the past five years.
66.19 66.20 66.21 66.22 66.23	(c) Every subject of a background study related to private agency adoptions or related to child foster care licensed through a private agency, who is 18 years of age or older, shall also provide the commissioner a signed consent for the release of any information received from national crime information databases to the private agency that initiated the background study.
66.24	(d) The subject of a background study shall provide fingerprints and a photograph as required in subdivision 5.
66.26 66.27 66.28	(e) The subject of a background study shall submit a completed criminal and maltreatment history records check consent form and criminal history disclosure form for applicable national and state level record checks.

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Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.05, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:
Subd. 2c. Privacy notice to background study subject. (a) Prior to initiating each
background study, the entity initiating the study must provide the commissioner's privacy
notice to the background study subject required under section 13.04, subdivision 2. The
notice must be available through the commissioner's electronic NETStudy and NETStudy
2.0 systems and shall include the information in paragraphs (b) and (c).
(b) The background study subject shall be informed that any previous background studies
that received a set-aside will be reviewed, and without further contact with the background
study subject, the commissioner may notify the agency that initiated the subsequent
background study:
(1) that the individual has a disqualification that has been set aside for the program or
agency that initiated the study;.
(2) the reason for the disqualification; and
(3) that information about the decision to set aside the disqualification will be available
to the license holder upon request without the consent of the background study subject.
(c) The background study subject must also be informed that:
(1) the subject's fingerprints collected for purposes of completing the background study
under this chapter must not be retained by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of
Criminal Apprehension, or by the commissioner. The Federal Bureau of Investigation will
not retain background study subjects' fingerprints;
(2) effective upon implementation of NETStudy 2.0, the subject's photographic image
will be retained by the commissioner, and if the subject has provided the subject's Social
Security number for purposes of the background study, the photographic image will be
available to prospective employers and agencies initiating background studies under this
chapter to verify the identity of the subject of the background study;
(3) the authorized fingerprint collection vendor or vendors shall, for purposes of verifying
the identity of the background study subject, be able to view the identifying information
entered into NETStudy 2.0 by the entity that initiated the background study, but shall not
retain the subject's fingerprints, photograph, or information from NETStudy 2.0. The
authorized fingerprint collection vendor or vendors shall retain no more than the subject's
name and the date and time the subject's fingerprints were recorded and sent, only as
necessary for auditing and billing activities;
(4) the commissioner shall provide the subject notice, as required in section 245C.17,
subdivision 1, paragraph (a), when an entity initiates a background study on the individual;
(5) the subject may request in writing a report listing the entities that initiated a
background study on the individual as provided in section 245C.17, subdivision 1, paragraph
(b);

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300.12	(7) notwithstanding clause (6), the commissioner shall destroy:
300.13 300.14	(i) the subject's photograph after a period of two years when the requirements of section 245C.051, paragraph (c), are met; and
300.15 300.16	(ii) any data collected on a subject under this chapter after a period of two years following the individual's death as provided in section 245C.051, paragraph (d).
300.17	Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.05, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
	Subd. 4. Electronic transmission. (a) For background studies conducted by the Department of Human Services, the commissioner shall implement a secure system for the electronic transmission of:
300.21	(1) background study information to the commissioner;
300.22	(2) background study results to the license holder;
300.25	(3) background study information obtained under this section and section 245C.08 to counties and private agencies for background studies conducted by the commissioner for child foster care, including a summary of nondisqualifying results, except as prohibited by law; and
	(4) background study results to county agencies for background studies conducted by the commissioner for adult foster care and family adult day services and, upon implementation of NETStudy 2.0, family child care and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B.
301.1 301.2 301.3 301.4	(b) Unless the commissioner has granted a hardship variance under paragraph (c), a license holder or an applicant must use the electronic transmission system known as NETStudy or NETStudy 2.0 to submit all requests for background studies to the commissioner as required by this chapter.
301.5 301.6 301.7	(c) A license holder or applicant whose program is located in an area in which high-speed Internet is inaccessible may request the commissioner to grant a variance to the electronic transmission requirement.
301.8 301.9	(d) Section 245C.08, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), applies to results transmitted under this subdivision.
301.10 301.11 301.12	(e) The background study subject shall access background study-related documents electronically in the applicant portal. A background study subject may request for the commissioner to grant a variance to the requirement to access documents electronically in

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348.16	Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.05, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
	Subd. 4. Electronic transmission. (a) For background studies conducted by the Department of Human Services, the commissioner shall implement a secure system for the electronic transmission of:
348.20	(1) background study information to the commissioner;
348.21	(2) background study results to the license holder;
348.24	(3) background study information obtained under this section and section 245C.08 to counties and private agencies for background studies conducted by the commissioner for child foster care, including a summary of nondisqualifying results, except as prohibited by law; and
	(4) background study results to county agencies for background studies conducted by the commissioner for adult foster care and family adult day services and, upon implementation of NETStudy 2.0, family child care and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B.
348.30 348.31 349.1 349.2	(b) Unless the commissioner has granted a hardship variance under paragraph (c), a license holder or an applicant must use the electronic transmission system known as NETStudy or NETStudy 2.0 to submit all requests for background studies to the commissioner as required by this chapter.
349.3 349.4 349.5	(c) A license holder or applicant whose program is located in an area in which high-speed Internet is inaccessible may request the commissioner to grant a variance to the electronic transmission requirement.
349.6 349.7	(d) Section 245C.08, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), applies to results transmitted under this subdivision.
349.8 349.9 349.10	(e) The background study subject shall access background study-related documents electronically in the applicant portal. A background study subject may request the commissioner to grant a variance to the requirement to access documents electronically in

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301.13	the NETStudy 2.0 applicant portal and may also request paper documentation of their
301.14	background studies.

EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendments to paragraph (a), clause (4), are effective April 301.15 301.16 **28**, 2025.

301.17 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Background studies conducted by Department of Human Services.** (a) 301.19 For a background study conducted by the Department of Human Services, the commissioner

301.20 shall review:

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349.11 the NETStudy 2.0 applicant portal, and maintains the ability to request paper documentation

	$\mbox{H0238-3}$ ARTICLE 1, SECTION 29 ALSO AMENDS SECTION 245C.05, SUBD. 4, AND IS BELOW.
27.23	Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.05, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
27.24 27.25 27.26	Subd. 4. Electronic transmission. (a) For background studies conducted by the Department of Human Services, the commissioner shall implement a secure system for the electronic transmission of:
7.27	(1) background study information to the commissioner;
27.28	(2) background study results to the license holder;
27.29 27.30 27.31 27.32	(3) background study information obtained under this section and section 245C.08 to counties and private agencies for background studies conducted by the commissioner for child foster care, including a summary of nondisqualifying results, except as prohibited by law; and
28.1 28.2 28.3 28.4	(4) background study results to county agencies for background studies conducted by the commissioner for adult foster care and family adult day services and, upon implementation of NETStudy 2.0, family child care and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B.
28.5 28.6 28.7 28.8	(b) Unless the commissioner has granted a hardship variance under paragraph (c), a license holder or an applicant must use the electronic transmission system known as NETStudy or NETStudy 2.0 to submit all requests for background studies to the commissioner as required by this chapter.
28.9 28.10 28.11	(c) A license holder or applicant whose program is located in an area in which high-speed Internet is inaccessible may request the commissioner to grant a variance to the electronic transmission requirement.
28.12 28.13	(d) Section 245C.08, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), applies to results transmitted under this subdivision.
28.14	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective April 28, 2025.
49.13	Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
	Subdivision 1. Background studies conducted by Department of Human Services. (a) For a background study conducted by the Department of Human Services, the commissioner shall review:

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	(1) information related to names of substantiated perpetrators of maltreatment of vulnerable adults that has been received by the commissioner as required under section 626.557, subdivision 9c, paragraph (j);
	(2) the commissioner's records relating to the maltreatment of minors in licensed programs, and from findings of maltreatment of minors as indicated through the social service information system;
301.27 301.28	(3) information from juvenile courts as required in subdivision 4 for individuals listed in section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), when there is reasonable cause;
	(4) information from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, including information regarding a background study subject's registration in Minnesota as a predatory offender under section 243.166;
302.1 302.2 302.3 302.4 302.5	(5) except as provided in clause (6), information received as a result of submission of fingerprints for a national criminal history record check, as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 13c, when the commissioner has reasonable cause for a national criminal history record check as defined under section 245C.02, subdivision 15a, or as required under section 144.057, subdivision 1, clause (2);
	(6) for a background study related to a child foster family setting application for licensure, foster residence settings, children's residential facilities, a transfer of permanent legal and physical custody of a child under sections 260C.503 to 260C.515, or adoptions, and for a background study required for family child care, certified license-exempt child care, child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B, the commissioner shall also review:
302.12 302.13	(i) information from the child abuse and neglect registry for any state in which the background study subject has resided for the past five years;
	(ii) when the background study subject is 18 years of age or older, or a minor under section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, paragraph (c), information received following submission of fingerprints for a national criminal history record check; and
302.19 302.20 302.21 302.22	(iii) when the background study subject is 18 years of age or older or a minor under section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, paragraph (d), for licensed family child care, certified license-exempt child care, licensed child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B, information obtained using non-fingerprint-based data including information from the criminal and sex offender registries for any state in which the background study subject resided for the past five years and information from the national crime information database and the national sex offender registry; and
302.24 302.25	(7) for a background study required for family child care, certified license-exempt child care centers, licensed child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under

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	(1) information related to names of substantiated perpetrators of maltreatment of vulnerable adults that has been received by the commissioner as required under section 626.557, subdivision 9c, paragraph (j);
	(2) the commissioner's records relating to the maltreatment of minors in licensed programs, and from findings of maltreatment of minors as indicated through the social service information system;
349.23 349.24	(3) information from juvenile courts as required in subdivision 4 for individuals listed in section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), when there is reasonable cause;
	(4) information from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, including information regarding a background study subject's registration in Minnesota as a predatory offender under section 243.166;
349.30 349.31	(5) except as provided in clause (6), information received as a result of submission of fingerprints for a national criminal history record check, as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 13c, when the commissioner has reasonable cause for a national criminal history record check as defined under section 245C.02, subdivision 15a, or as required under section 144.057, subdivision 1, clause (2);
350.1 350.2 350.3 350.4 350.5 350.6	(6) for a background study related to a child foster family setting application for licensure, foster residence settings, children's residential facilities, a transfer of permanent legal and physical custody of a child under sections 260C.503 to 260C.515, or adoptions, and for a background study required for family child care, certified license-exempt child care, child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B, the commissioner shall also review:
350.7 350.8	(i) information from the child abuse and neglect registry for any state in which the background study subject has resided for the past five years;
	(ii) when the background study subject is 18 years of age or older, or a minor under section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, paragraph (c), information received following submission of fingerprints for a national criminal history record check; and
350.14 350.15 350.16 350.17	(iii) when the background study subject is 18 years of age or older or a minor under section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, paragraph (d), for licensed family child care, certified license-exempt child care, licensed child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B, information obtained using non-fingerprint-based data including information from the criminal and sex offender registries for any state in which the background study subject resided for the past five years and information from the national crime information database and the national sex offender registry; and
350.21	(7) for a background study required for family child care, certified license-exempt child care centers, licensed child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B, the background study shall also include, to the extent practicable, a name and date-of-birth search of the National Sex Offender Public website.

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	chapter 119B, the background study shall also include, to the extent practicable, a name and date-of-birth search of the National Sex Offender Public website; and
302.28 302.29 302.30	
302.33	(b) Notwithstanding expungement by a court, the commissioner may consider information obtained under paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), unless the commissioner received notice of the petition for expungement and the court order for expungement is directed specifically to the commissioner.
303.1 303.2 303.3 303.4	(c) The commissioner shall also review criminal case information received according to section 245C.04, subdivision 4a, from the Minnesota court information system that relates to individuals who have already been studied under this chapter and who remain affiliated with the agency that initiated the background study.
303.5 303.6 303.7 303.8 303.9 303.10	(d) When the commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that the identity of a background study subject is uncertain, the commissioner may require the subject to provide a set of classifiable fingerprints for purposes of completing a fingerprint-based record check with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Fingerprints collected under this paragraph shall not be saved by the commissioner after they have been used to verify the identity of the background study subject against the particular criminal record in question.
303.11 303.12	(e) The commissioner may inform the entity that initiated a background study under NETStudy 2.0 of the status of processing of the subject's fingerprints.
303.13	Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
	Subd. 2. Supplemental nursing services agencies. The commissioner shall recover the cost of the background studies initiated by supplemental nursing services agencies registered under section 144A.71, subdivision 1, through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study

303.17 charged to the agency. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the

303.18 commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.

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(b) Notwithstanding expungement by a court, the commissioner may consider information

350.25	obtained under paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), unless the commissioner received notice of the petition for expungement and the court order for expungement is directed specifically to the commissioner.
350.29	(c) The commissioner shall also review criminal case information received according to section 245C.04, subdivision 4a, from the Minnesota court information system that relates to individuals who have already been studied under this chapter and who remain affiliated with the agency that initiated the background study.
350.33	(d) When the commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that the identity of a background study subject is uncertain, the commissioner may require the subject to provide a set of classifiable fingerprints for purposes of completing a fingerprint-based record check with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Fingerprints collected under this paragraph shall not be saved by the commissioner after they have been used to verify the identity of the background study subject against the particular criminal record in question.
351.3 351.4	(e) The commissioner may inform the entity that initiated a background study under NETStudy 2.0 of the status of processing of the subject's fingerprints.
351.5 351.6 351.7	(f) For a background study required for treatment programs for sexual psychopathic personality or sexually dangerous persons, the background study shall only include a review of the information required under paragraph (a), clauses (1), (2), (3), and (4).
351.8	Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 1d, is amended to read:
351.16	Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
351.19 351.20	Subd. 2. Supplemental nursing services agencies. The commissioner shall recover the cost of the background studies initiated by supplemental nursing services agencies registered under section 144A.71, subdivision 1, through a fee of no more than \$42 \ \$44\$ per study charged to the agency. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.

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- 303.19 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:
- Subd. 2a. **Occupations regulated by commissioner of health.** The commissioner shall set fees to recover the cost of combined background studies and criminal background checks
- 303.22 initiated by applicants, licensees, and certified practitioners regulated under sections 148.511
- 303.23 to 148.5198 and chapter 153A through a fee of no more than \$44 per study charged to the
- 303.24 entity. The fees collected under this subdivision shall be deposited in the special revenue
- 303.25 fund and are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background
- 303.26 studies and criminal background checks.
- 303.27 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 303.28 Subd. 3. **Personal care provider organizations.** The commissioner shall recover the
- 303.29 cost of background studies initiated by a personal care provider organization under sections
- 303.30 256B.0651 to 256B.0654 and 256B.0659 through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study
- 303.31 charged to the organization responsible for submitting the background study form. The fees
- 304.1 collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of
- 304.2 conducting background studies.
- 304.3 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 304.4 Subd. 4. Temporary personnel agencies, personnel pool agencies, educational
- 304.5 programs, and professional services agencies. The commissioner shall recover the cost
- 304.6 of the background studies initiated by temporary personnel agencies, personnel pool agencies,
- 304.7 educational programs, and professional services agencies that initiate background studies
- 304.8 under section 245C.03, subdivision 4, through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study
- 304.9 charged to the agency. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the
- 304.10 commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.

- 304.11 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 304.12 Subd. 5. Adult foster care and family adult day services. The commissioner shall
- 304.13 recover the cost of background studies required under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, for
- 304.14 the purposes of adult foster care and family adult day services licensing, through a fee of
- 304.15 no more than \$42 \$44 per study charged to the license holder. The fees collected under this

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- 351.22 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:
- 351.23 Subd. 2a. Occupations regulated by commissioner of health. The commissioner shall
- 351.24 set fees to recover the cost of combined background studies and criminal background checks
- 351.25 initiated by applicants, licensees, and certified practitioners regulated under sections 148.511
- 351.26 to 148.5198 and chapter 153A through a fee of no more than \$44 per study charged to the
- 51.27 entity. The fees collected under this subdivision shall be deposited in the special revenue
- 331.27 entry. The fees confected under this subdivision shall be deposited in the special revenue
- 351.28 fund and are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background
- 351.29 studies and criminal background checks.
- 352.1 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- 352.2 Subd. 3. **Personal care provider organizations.** The commissioner shall recover the
- 352.3 cost of background studies initiated by a personal care provider organization under sections
- 352.4 256B.0651 to 256B.0654 and 256B.0659 through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study
- 52.5 charged to the organization responsible for submitting the background study form. The fees
- 352.6 collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of
- 352.7 conducting background studies.
- 352.8 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 352.9 Subd. 4. Temporary personnel agencies, educational programs, and professional
- 352.10 services agencies. The commissioner shall recover the cost of the background studies
- 352.11 initiated by temporary personnel agencies, educational programs, and professional services
- 352.12 agencies that initiate background studies under section 245C.03, subdivision 4, through a
- 352.13 fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study charged to the agency. The fees collected under this
- 352.14 subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background
- 352.15 studies.

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- 468.24 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
- 8.25 Subd. 4. Temporary personnel agencies, personnel pool agencies, educational
- 468.26 programs, and professional services agencies. The commissioner shall recover the cost
- 468.27 of the background studies initiated by temporary personnel agencies, personnel pool agencies,
- 468.28 educational programs, and professional services agencies that initiate background studies
- 468.29 under section 245C.03, subdivision 4, through a fee of no more than \$42 per study charged
- 468.30 to the agency. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner
- 468.31 for the purpose of conducting background studies.
- 352.16 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- 352.17 Subd. 5. Adult foster care and family adult day services. The commissioner shall
- 352.18 recover the cost of background studies required under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, for
- 352.19 the purposes of adult foster care and family adult day services licensing, through a fee of
- 352.20 no more than \$42 \$44 per study charged to the license holder. The fees collected under this

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- 304.16 subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background 304.17 studies.
- Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 6, is amended to read: 304.18
- Subd. 6. Unlicensed home and community-based waiver providers of service to 304.19 304.20 seniors and individuals with disabilities. The commissioner shall recover the cost of 304.21 background studies initiated by unlicensed home and community-based waiver providers 304.22 of service to seniors and individuals with disabilities under section 256B.4912 through a
- 304.23 fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study.
- Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
- 304.25 Subd. 8. Children's therapeutic services and supports providers. The commissioner 304.26 shall recover the cost of background studies required under section 245C.03, subdivision 304.27 7, for the purposes of children's therapeutic services and supports under section 256B.0943, 304.28 through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study charged to the license holder. The fees 304.29 collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of 304.30 conducting background studies.
- Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 9, is amended to read: 305.1
- 305.2 Subd. 9. Human services licensed programs. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies required under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, for all programs that are licensed by the commissioner, except child foster care when the applicant or license holder resides in the home where child foster care services are provided, family child care, child care centers, certified license-exempt child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B, through a fee of no more than \$\frac{\xi42}{44}\$ per study charged to the license holder. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
- Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 9a, is amended to read:
- Subd. 9a. Child care programs. The commissioner shall recover the cost of a background 305.12 study required for family child care, certified license-exempt child care centers, licensed 305.13 child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care providers authorized under chapter 119B 305.14 through a fee of no more than \$40 \$44 per study charged to the license holder. A fee of no 305.15 more than \$42 \$44 per study shall be charged for studies conducted under section 245C.05, 305.16 subdivision 5a, paragraph (a). The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to 305.17 the commissioner to conduct background studies.
- Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 10, is amended to read: 305.18
- Subd. 10. Community first services and supports organizations. The commissioner 305.20 shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by an agency-provider delivering 305.21 services under section 256B.85, subdivision 11, or a financial management services provider 305.22 providing service functions under section 256B.85, subdivision 13, through a fee of no more 305.23 than \$42 \$44 per study, charged to the organization responsible for submitting the background

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	subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
352.23	Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
352.26 352.27	Subd. 6. Unlicensed home and community-based waiver providers of service to seniors and individuals with disabilities. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by unlicensed home and community-based waiver providers of service to seniors and individuals with disabilities under section 256B.4912 through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study.
352.29	Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 8, is amended to read:
352.30 352.31 353.1 353.2 353.3 353.4	Subd. 8. Children's therapeutic services and supports providers. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies required under section 245C.03, subdivision 7, for the purposes of children's therapeutic services and supports under section 256B.0943, through a fee of no more than \$42 \) \$44 per study charged to the license holder. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
353.5	Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 9, is amended to read:
353.11 353.12	Subd. 9. Human services licensed programs. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies required under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, for all programs that are licensed by the commissioner, except child foster care when the applicant or license holder resides in the home where child foster care services are provided, family child care, child care centers, certified license-exempt child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B, through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study charged to the license holder. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
353.14	Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 9a, is amended to read:
353.17 353.18 353.19 353.20	Subd. 9a. Child care programs. The commissioner shall recover the cost of a background study required for family child care, certified license-exempt child care centers, licensed child care centers, and legal nonlicensed child care providers authorized under chapter 119B through a fee of no more than \$40 \$44 per study charged to the license holder. A fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study shall be charged for studies conducted under section 245C.05, subdivision 5a, paragraph (a). The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner to conduct background studies.
353.22	Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 10, is amended to read:
353.25 353.26	Subd. 10. Community first services and supports organizations. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by an agency-provider delivering services under section 256B.85, subdivision 11, or a financial management services provider providing service functions under section 256B.85, subdivision 13, through a fee of no more than \$42 \sum 44 per study, charged to the organization responsible for submitting the background

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305.24 study form. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner 305.25 for the purpose of conducting background studies. Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 11, is amended to read: Subd. 11. Providers of housing support. The commissioner shall recover the cost of 305.27 305.28 background studies initiated by providers of housing support under section 256I.04 through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies. 306.1 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 12, is amended to read: 306.2 Subd. 12. Child protection workers or social services staff having responsibility for child protective duties. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by county social services agencies and local welfare agencies for individuals who are required to have a background study under section 260E.36, subdivision 3, through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies. Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 13, is amended to read: 306.8 Subd. 13. Providers of special transportation service. The commissioner shall recover 306.9 306.10 the cost of background studies initiated by providers of special transportation service under section 174.30 through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study. The fees collected under 306.12 this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting 306.13 background studies. Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 14, is amended to read: 306.15 Subd. 14. Children's residential facilities. The commissioner shall recover the cost of 306.16 background studies initiated by a licensed children's residential facility through a fee of no 306.17 more than \$51 \$53 per study. Fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the 306.18 commissioner for purposes of conducting background studies. Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 15, is amended to read: 306.19 Subd. 15. Guardians and conservators. The commissioner shall recover the cost of 306.20 306.21 conducting background studies maltreatment and state licensing agency checks for guardians 306.22 and conservators under section 524.5-118 245C.033 through a fee of no more than \$110 306.23 per study \$50. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner 306.24 for the purpose of conducting background studies maltreatment and state licensing agency 306.25 checks. The fee for conducting an alternative background study for appointment of a

306.26 professional guardian or conservator must be paid by the guardian or conservator. In other

306.27 cases, the fee must be paid as follows:

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53.28 53.29	study form. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
54.1	Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 11, is amended to read:
54.2 54.3 54.4 54.5	Subd. 11. Providers of housing support. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by providers of housing support under section 256I.04 through a fee of no more than \$42 \subseteq \$44\$ per study. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
54.6	Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 12, is amended to read:
354.7 354.8 354.9 354.10 354.11 354.12	Subd. 12. Child protection workers or social services staff having responsibility for child protective duties. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by county social services agencies and local welfare agencies for individuals who are required to have a background study under section 260E.36, subdivision 3, through a fee of no more than $\$42$ $\$44$ per study. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
54.13	Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 13, is amended to read:
354.14 354.15 354.16 354.17 354.18	Subd. 13. Providers of special transportation service. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by providers of special transportation service under section 174.30 through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
54.19	Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 14, is amended to read:
54.20 54.21 54.22 54.23	Subd. 14. Children's residential facilities. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by a licensed children's residential facility through a fee of no more than \$51 \subseteq 53 per study. Fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of conducting background studies.
54.24	Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 15, is amended to read:
54.25 54.26 54.27	Subd. 15. Guardians and conservators. The commissioner shall recover the cost of conducting background studies maltreatment and state licensing agency checks for guardians and conservators under section 524.5 118 245C.033 through a fee of no more than \$110
54.28 54.29 54.30 54.31	per study \$50. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies maltreatment and state licensing agency checks. The fee for conducting an alternative background study for appointment of a professional guardian or conservator must be paid by the guardian or conservator. In other
555.1 555.2	eases, the fee must be paid as follows: must be paid directly to and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner before any maltreatment and state licensing agency checks under section 245C 033 may be conducted.

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306.28	(1) It the matter is proceeding in forma pauperis, the fee must be paid as an expense for
306.29	purposes of section 524.5-502, paragraph (a);
306.30	(2) if there is an estate of the ward or protected person, the fee must be paid from the
306.31	estate; or
307.1	(3) in the case of a guardianship or conservatorship of a person that is not proceeding
307.2	in forma pauperis, the fee must be paid by the guardian, conservator, or the court must be
307.3	paid directly to the commissioner and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner before
307.4	any maltreatment and state licensing agency checks under section 245C.033 may be
307.5	conducted.
307.6	Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 16, is amended to read:
307.7	Subd. 16. Providers of housing support services. The commissioner shall recover the
307.8	cost of background studies initiated by providers of housing support services under section
307.9	256B.051 through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study. The fees collected under this
307.10	subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background
307.11	studies.
307.12	Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 17, is amended to read:
307.13	Subd. 17. Early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention providers. Th
307.14	commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies required under section 245C.03,
	subdivision 15, for the purposes of early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention
307.16	under section 256B.0949, through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study charged to the
307.17	enrolled agency. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the
	commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
307.19	Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 20, is amended to read:
307.20	Subd. 20. Professional Educators Licensing Standards Board. The commissioner
	shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by the Professional Educators Licensin
307.22	Standards Board through a fee of no more than \$51 \\$53 per study. Fees collected under this
307.23	subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of conducting background
307.24	studies.
307.25	Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 21, is amended to read:
307.26	Subd. 21. Board of School Administrators. The commissioner shall recover the cost
	of background studies initiated by the Board of School Administrators through a fee of no
	more than \$51 \underseps 53 per study. Fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the
307.29	commissioner for purposes of conducting background studies.

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355.4 355.5	(1) if the matter is proceeding in forma pauperis, the fee must be paid as an expense for purposes of section 524.5-502, paragraph (a);
355.6 355.7	(2) if there is an estate of the ward or protected person, the fee must be paid from the estate; or
355.8 355.9	(3) in the case of a guardianship or conservatorship of a person that is not proceeding in forma pauperis, the fee must be paid by the guardian, conservator, or the court.
355.10	Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 16, is amended to read:
355.13 355.14	Subd. 16. Providers of housing support services. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by providers of housing support services under section 256B.051 through a fee of no more than \$42 \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
355.16	Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 17, is amended to read:
355.19 355.20 355.21	Subd. 17. Early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention providers. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies required under section 245C.03, subdivision 15, for the purposes of early intensive developmental and behavioral intervention under section 256B.0949, through a fee of no more than \$42 \$44 per study charged to the enrolled agency. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
355.23	Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 20, is amended to read:
355.26 355.27	Subd. 20. Professional Educators Licensing Standards Board. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by the Professional Educators Licensing Standards Board through a fee of no more than \$\frac{\$51}{\$53}\$ per study. Fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of conducting background studies.
356.1	Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, subdivision 21, is amended to read:
356.2 356.3 356.4 356.5	Subd. 21. Board of School Administrators. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by the Board of School Administrators through a fee of no more than \$51 \$53 per study. Fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for purposes of conducting background studies.

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308.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.15, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

308.2 Subd. 2. 15-year disqualification. (a) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if: (1) less than 15 years have passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed, if any, 308.3 for the offense; and (2) the individual has committed a felony-level violation of any of the following offenses: sections 152.021, subdivision 1 or 2b, (aggravated controlled substance crime in the first degree; sale crimes); 152.022, subdivision 1 (controlled substance crime 308.6 in the second degree; sale crimes); 152.023, subdivision 1 (controlled substance crime in 308.7 308.8 the third degree; sale crimes); 152.024, subdivision 1 (controlled substance crime in the fourth degree; sale crimes); 256.98 (wrongfully obtaining assistance); 268.182 (fraud); 308.9 393.07, subdivision 10, paragraph (c) (federal SNAP fraud); 609.165 (felon ineligible to possess firearm); 609.2112, 609.2113, or 609.2114 (criminal vehicular homicide or injury); 308.12 609.215 (suicide); 609.223 or 609.2231 (assault in the third or fourth degree); repeat offenses 308.13 under 609.224 (assault in the fifth degree); 609.229 (crimes committed for benefit of a 308.14 gang); 609.2325 (criminal abuse of a vulnerable adult); 609.2335 (financial exploitation of 308.15 a vulnerable adult); 609.235 (use of drugs to injure or facilitate crime); 609.24 (simple 308.16 robbery); 609.255 (false imprisonment); 609.2664 (manslaughter of an unborn child in the 308.17 first degree); 609.2665 (manslaughter of an unborn child in the second degree); 609.267 308.18 (assault of an unborn child in the first degree); 609.2671 (assault of an unborn child in the 308.19 second degree); 609.268 (injury or death of an unborn child in the commission of a crime); 308.20 609.27 (coercion); 609.275 (attempt to coerce); 609.466 (medical assistance fraud); 609.495 308.21 (aiding an offender); 609.498, subdivision 1 or 1b (aggravated first-degree or first-degree 308.22 tampering with a witness); 609.52 (theft); 609.521 (possession of shoplifting gear); 609.525 308.23 (bringing stolen goods into Minnesota); 609.527 (identity theft); 609.53 (receiving stolen 308.24 property); 609.535 (issuance of dishonored checks); 609.562 (arson in the second degree); 308.25 609.563 (arson in the third degree); 609.582 (burglary); 609.59 (possession of burglary 308.26 tools); 609.611 (insurance fraud); 609.625 (aggravated forgery); 609.63 (forgery); 609.631 308.27 (check forgery; offering a forged check); 609.635 (obtaining signature by false pretense); 308.28 609.66 (dangerous weapons); 609.67 (machine guns and short-barreled shotguns); 609.687 308.29 (adulteration); 609.71 (riot); 609.713 (terroristic threats); 609.82 (fraud in obtaining credit); 308.30 609.821 (financial transaction card fraud); 617.23 (indecent exposure), not involving a 308.31 minor; repeat offenses under 617.241 (obscene materials and performances; distribution

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336.6	Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.10, is amended by adding a subdivision
356.7	to read:
356.8	Subd. 22. Tribal organizations. The commissioner shall recover the cost of background
356.9	studies initiated by Tribal organizations under section 245C.34 for adoption and child foster
356.10	care. The fee amount shall be established through interagency agreements between the
356.11	commissioner and Tribal organizations or their designees. The fees collected under this
356.12	subdivision shall be deposited in the special revenue fund and are appropriated to the
356.13	commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies and criminal background
356.14	checks.
356.15	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2024.

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308.33 chapter 152 (drugs; controlled substance); or Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 609.21; or 308.34 a felony-level conviction involving alcohol or drug use. 309.1 (b) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than 15 years has passed since the individual's aiding and abetting, attempt, or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses listed in paragraph (a), as each of these offenses is defined in Minnesota Statutes. 309.4 (c) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than 15 years has passed since the termination of the individual's parental rights under section 260C.301, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), or subdivision 3. (d) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than 15 years has passed 309.7 since the discharge of the sentence imposed for an offense in any other state or country, the elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of the offenses listed in paragraph 309.10 (a). 309.11 (e) If the individual studied commits one of the offenses listed in paragraph (a), but the 309.12 sentence or level of offense is a gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor, the individual is 309.13 disqualified but the disqualification look-back period for the offense is the period applicable 309.14 to the gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor disposition. (f) When a disqualification is based on a judicial determination other than a conviction, 309.15 309.16 the disqualification period begins from the date of the court order. When a disqualification 309.17 is based on an admission, the disqualification period begins from the date of an admission 309.18 in court. When a disqualification is based on an Alford Plea, the disqualification period 309.19 begins from the date the Alford Plea is entered in court. When a disqualification is based 309.20 on a preponderance of evidence of a disqualifying act, the disqualification date begins from 309.21 the date of the dismissal, the date of discharge of the sentence imposed for a conviction for 309.22 a disqualifying crime of similar elements, or the date of the incident, whichever occurs last. 309.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for background studies requested on or 309.24 after August 1, 2024. Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.15, is amended by adding a subdivision 309.26 to read: 309.27 Subd. 4b. Five-year disqualification. (a) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if: (1) less than five years have passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed. if any, for the offense; and (2) the individual has committed a felony, gross misdemeanor, or misdemeanor-level violation of any of the following offenses: section 152.021, subdivision 2 or 2a (controlled substance possession crime in the first degree; methamphetamine manufacture crime); 152.022, subdivision 2 (controlled substance possession crime in the second degree): 152.023, subdivision 2 (controlled substance possession crime in the third 310.1 degree); 152.024, subdivision 2 (controlled substance possession crime in the fourth degree); 152.025 (controlled substance crime in the fifth degree); 152.0261 (importing controlled substances across state borders); 152.0262 (possession of substances with intent to 310.3

308.32 and exhibition prohibited; penalty); or 624.713 (certain persons not to possess firearms).

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310.4	manufacture methamphetamine); 152.027, subdivision 6, paragraph (c) (sale of synthetic
310.5	cannabinoids); 152.096 (conspiracy to commit controlled substance crime); or 152.097
310.6	(simulated controlled substances).
310.7	(b) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than five years have passed
310.8	since the individual's aiding and abetting, attempt, or conspiracy to commit any of the
310.9	offenses listed in paragraph (a), as each of these offenses is defined in Minnesota Statutes.
310.10	(c) An individual is disqualified under section 245C.14 if less than five years have passed
310.11	since the discharge of the sentence imposed for an offense in any other state or country, the
310.12	elements of which are substantially similar to the elements of any of the offenses listed in
310.13	paragraph (a).
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310.14	(d) When a disqualification is based on a judicial determination other than a conviction,
310.15	the disqualification period begins from the date of the court order. When a disqualification
310.16	is based on an admission, the disqualification period begins from the date of an admission
310.17 310.18	in court. When a disqualification is based on an Alford plea, the disqualification period begins from the date the Alford plea is entered in court. When a disqualification is based
310.16	on a preponderance of evidence of a disqualifying act, the disqualification date begins from
310.19	the date of the dismissal, the date of discharge of the sentence imposed for a conviction for
310.20	a disqualifying crime of similar elements, or the date of the incident, whichever occurs last.
310.21	a disquarrying crime of similar elements, of the date of the incident, whichever occurs last.
310.22	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for background studies requested on or
310.23	after August 1, 2024.
310.24	Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.17, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
310.25	Subd. 2. Disqualification notice sent to subject. (a) If the information in the study
310.26	indicates the individual is disqualified from direct contact with, or from access to, persons
310.27	served by the program, the commissioner shall disclose to the individual studied:
310.28	(1) the information causing disqualification;
310.29	(2) instructions on how to request a reconsideration of the disqualification;
310.30	(3) an explanation of any restrictions on the commissioner's discretion to set aside the
310.31	disqualification under section 245C.24, when applicable to the individual;
311.1	(4) a statement that, if the individual's disqualification is set aside under section 245C.22,
311.1	the applicant, license holder, or other entity that initiated the background study will be
311.2	provided with the reason for the individual's disqualification and an explanation that the
311.3	factors under section 245C.22, subdivision 4, which were the basis of the decision to set
311.4	aside the disqualification shall be made available to the license holder upon request without
311.6	the consent of the subject of the background study;
311.7	(5) a statement indicating that if the individual's disqualification is set aside or the facility
311.8	is granted a variance under section 245C.30, the individual's identity and the reason for the

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311.9 311.10	individual's disqualification will become public data under section 245C.22, subdivision 7, when applicable to the individual;
311.11 311.12 311.13 311.14 311.15 311.16	(6) (4) a statement that when a subsequent background study is initiated on the individual following a set-aside of the individual's disqualification, and the commissioner makes a determination under section 245C.22, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), that the previous set-aside applies to the subsequent background study, the applicant, license holder, or other entity that initiated the background study will be informed in the notice under section 245C.22, subdivision 5, paragraph (c):
311.17	(i) of the reason for the individual's disqualification; and
311.18	(ii) that the individual's disqualification is set aside for that program or agency; and
311.19 311.20 311.21 311.22	(iii) that information about the factors under section 245C.22, subdivision 4, that were the basis of the decision to set aside the disqualification are available to the license holder upon request without the consent of the background study subject; and (7) (5) the commissioner's determination of the individual's immediate risk of harm
311.23	under section 245C.16.
311.24 311.25 311.26 311.27	(b) If the commissioner determines under section 245C.16 that an individual poses an imminent risk of harm to persons served by the program where the individual will have direct contact with, or access to, people receiving services, the commissioner's notice must include an explanation of the basis of this determination.
311.28 311.29 311.30 311.31 311.32	(c) If the commissioner determines under section 245C.16 that an individual studied does not pose a risk of harm that requires immediate removal, the individual shall be informed of the conditions under which the agency that initiated the background study may allow the individual to have direct contact with, or access to, people receiving services, as provided under subdivision 3.
312.1	Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.17, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
312.2 312.3	Subd. 3. Disqualification notification. (a) The commissioner shall notify an applicant, license holder, or other entity as provided in this chapter who is not the subject of the study:
312.4 312.5 312.6	(1) that the commissioner has found information that disqualifies the individual studied from being in a position allowing direct contact with, or access to, people served by the program; and
312.7 312.8	(2) the commissioner's determination of the individual's risk of harm under section 245C.16.
312.9 312.10 312.11	(b) If the commissioner determines under section 245C.16 that an individual studied poses an imminent risk of harm to persons served by the program where the individual studied will have direct contact with, or access to, people served by the program, the

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312.13	from any position allowing direct contact with, or access to, people served by the program.
312.14	(c) If the commissioner determines under section 245C.16 that an individual studied
312.15	poses a risk of harm that requires continuous, direct supervision, the commissioner shall
312.16	order the applicant, license holder, or other entities as provided in this chapter to:
312.17	(1) immediately remove the individual studied from any position allowing direct contact
312.18	with, or access to, people receiving services; or
312.19	(2) before allowing the disqualified individual to be in a position allowing direct contact
312.20	with, or access to, people receiving services, the applicant, license holder, or other entity,
312.21	as provided in this chapter, must:
312.22	(i) obtain from the disqualified individual a copy of the individual's notice of
312.23	disqualification from the commissioner that explains the reason for disqualification;
312.24	(ii) (i) ensure that the individual studied is under continuous, direct supervision when
312.25	in a position allowing direct contact with, or access to, people receiving services during the
312.26	period in which the individual may request a reconsideration of the disqualification under
312.27	section 245C.21; and
312.28	(iii) ensure that the disqualified individual requests reconsideration within 30 days
312.29	of receipt of the notice of disqualification.
312.30	(d) If the commissioner determines under section 245C.16 that an individual studied
312.31	does not pose a risk of harm that requires continuous, direct supervision, the commissioner
312.32	shall order the applicant, license holder, or other entities as provided in this chapter to:
313.1	(1) immediately remove the individual studied from any position allowing direct contact
313.2	with, or access to, people receiving services; or
313.3	(2) before allowing the disqualified individual to be in any position allowing direct
313.4	contact with, or access to, people receiving services, the applicant, license holder, or other
313.5	entity as provided in this chapter must:
313.6	(i) obtain from the disqualified individual a copy of the individual's notice of
313.7	disqualification from the commissioner that explains the reason for disqualification; and
313.8	(ii) ensure that the disqualified individual requests reconsideration within 15 days of
313.9	receipt of the notice of disqualification.
313.10	(e) The commissioner shall not notify the applicant, license holder, or other entity as
313.11	provided in this chapter of the information contained in the subject's background study
313.12	unless:
313.13	(1) the basis for the disqualification is failure to cooperate with the background study
313.14	or substantiated maltreatment under section 626.557 or chapter 260E;

312.12 commissioner shall order the license holder to immediately remove the individual studied

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313.13	(2) the Data Practices Act under chapter 13 provides for release of the information; or
313.16	(3) the individual studied authorizes the release of the information.
313.17	Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.17, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
313.18	Subd. 6. Notice to county agency. For studies on individuals related to a license to
	provide adult foster care when the applicant or license holder resides in the adult foster care
	residence and family adult day services and, effective upon implementation of NETStudy 2.0, family child care and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B, the
	commissioner shall also provide a notice of the background study results to the county
	agency that initiated the background study.
313.24	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective April 28, 2025.
313.25	Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.21, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:
313.26	Subd. 1a. Submission of reconsideration request. (a) For disqualifications related to
313.27	studies conducted by county agencies for family child care, and for disqualifications related
313.28	to studies conducted by the commissioner for child foster care, adult foster care, and family
313.29	adult day services when the applicant or license holder resides in the home where services
313.30 313.31	are provided, the individual shall submit the request for reconsideration to the county agency that initiated the background study.
314.1	(b) For disqualifications related to studies conducted by the commissioner for child
314.2 314.3	foster care providers monitored by private licensing agencies under section 245A.16, the individual shall submit the request for reconsideration to the private agency that initiated
314.4	the background study.
314.5	(c) A reconsideration request shall be submitted within 30 days of the individual's receip
314.6	of the disqualification notice or the time frames specified in subdivision 2, whichever time
314.7	frame is shorter.
314.8	(d) The county or private agency shall forward the individual's request for reconsideration
314.9	and provide the commissioner with a recommendation whether to set aside the individual's
314.10	disqualification.
314.11	Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.21, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
314.12	Subd. 2. Time frame for requesting reconsideration. (a) When the commissioner
314.13	sends an individual a notice of disqualification based on a finding under section 245C.16,
314.14	subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2), the disqualified individual must submit the
314.15	request for a reconsideration within 30 calendar days of the individual's receipt of the notice

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28.15	Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.17, subdivision 6, is amended to read:
28.16	Subd. 6. Notice to county agency. For studies on individuals related to a license to
28.17	provide adult foster care when the applicant or license holder resides in the adult foster care
28.18	residence and family adult day services and, effective upon implementation of NETStudy
28.19	2.0, family child care and legal nonlicensed child care authorized under chapter 119B, the
28.20	commissioner shall also provide a notice of the background study results to the county
28.21	agency that initiated the background study.

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314.17 to the commissioner within 30 calendar days of the individual's receipt of the notice of 314.18 disqualification. If a request for reconsideration is made by personal service, it must be 314.19 received by the commissioner within 30 calendar days after the individual's receipt of the 314.20 notice of disqualification. Upon showing that the information under subdivision 3 cannot 314.21 be obtained within 30 days, the disqualified individual may request additional time, not to 314.22 exceed 30 days, to obtain the information. 314.23 (b) When the commissioner sends an individual a notice of disqualification based on a 314.24 finding under section 245C.16, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clause (3), the disqualified 314.25 individual must submit the request for reconsideration within 15 30 calendar days of the 314.26 individual's receipt of the notice of disqualification. If mailed, the request for reconsideration 314.27 must be postmarked and sent to the commissioner within 15 30 calendar days of the 314.28 individual's receipt of the notice of disqualification. If a request for reconsideration is made 314.29 by personal service, it must be received by the commissioner within 15 30 calendar days 314.30 after the individual's receipt of the notice of disqualification. (c) An individual who was determined to have maltreated a child under chapter 260E 314.31 314.32 or a vulnerable adult under section 626.557, and who is disqualified on the basis of serious 314.33 or recurring maltreatment, may request a reconsideration of both the maltreatment and the disqualification determinations. The request must be submitted within 30 calendar days of the individual's receipt of the notice of disqualification. If mailed, the request for reconsideration must be postmarked and sent to the commissioner within 30 calendar days of the individual's receipt of the notice of disqualification. If a request for reconsideration is made by personal service, it must be received by the commissioner within 30 calendar days after the individual's receipt of the notice of disqualification. 315.6 (d) Except for family child care and child foster care, reconsideration of a maltreatment determination under sections 260E.33 and 626.557, subdivision 9d, and reconsideration of a disqualification under section 245C.22, shall not be conducted when: 315.9 (1) a denial of a license under section 245A.05, or a licensing sanction under section 315.10 245A.07, is based on a determination that the license holder is responsible for maltreatment or the disqualification of a license holder based on serious or recurring maltreatment; (2) the denial of a license or licensing sanction is issued at the same time as the 315.12 maltreatment determination or disqualification; and 315.13 (3) the license holder appeals the maltreatment determination, disqualification, and 315.14 315.15 denial of a license or licensing sanction. In such cases, a fair hearing under section 256.045 315.16 must not be conducted under sections 245C.27, 260E.33, and 626.557, subdivision 9d. 315.17 Under section 245A.08, subdivision 2a, the scope of the consolidated contested case hearing 315.18 must include the maltreatment determination, disqualification, and denial of a license or 315.19 licensing sanction.

314.16 of disqualification. If mailed, the request for reconsideration must be postmarked and sent

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315.20	Notwithstanding clauses (1) to (3), if the license holder appeals the maltreatment
315.21	determination or disqualification, but does not appeal the denial of a license or a licensing
315.22	sanction, reconsideration of the maltreatment determination shall be conducted under sections
315.23	260E.33 and 626.557, subdivision 9d, and reconsideration of the disqualification shall be
315.24	conducted under section 245C.22. In such cases, a fair hearing shall also be conducted as
315.25	provided under sections 245C.27, 260E.33, and 626.557, subdivision 9d.
315.26	Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.22, subdivision 7, is amended to read:
315.27	Subd. 7. Classification of certain data. (a) Notwithstanding section 13.46, except as
315.28	provided in paragraph (f) (e), upon setting aside a disqualification under this section, the
315.29	identity of the disqualified individual who received the set-aside and the individual's
315.30	disqualifying characteristics are public private data if the set-aside was: on individuals, as
315.31	defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.
315.32	(1) for any disqualifying characteristic under section 245C.15, except a felony-level
315.33	conviction for a drug related offense within the past five years, when the set-aside relates
316.1	to a child care center or a family child care provider licensed under chapter 245A, certified
316.2	license-exempt child care center, or legal nonlicensed family child care; or
316.3	(2) for a disqualifying characteristic under section 245C.15, subdivision 2.
316.4	(b) Notwithstanding section 13.46, upon granting a variance to a license holder under
316.5	section 245C.30, the identity of the disqualified individual who is the subject of the variance,
316.6	the individual's disqualifying characteristics under section 245C.15, and the terms of the
316.7	variance are public data, except as provided in paragraph (e), clause (6), when the variance:
316.8	private data on individuals, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 12.
316.9	(1) is issued to a child care center or a family child care provider licensed under chapter
316.10	245A; or
316.11	(2) relates to an individual with a disqualifying characteristic under section 245C.15,
316.12	subdivision 2.
316.13	(c) The identity of a disqualified individual and the reason for disqualification remain
316.14	private data when:
316.15	(1) a disqualification is not set aside and no variance is granted, except as provided under
316.16	section 13.46, subdivision 4;
316.17	(2) the data are not public under paragraph (a) or (b);
316.18	(3) the disqualification is rescinded because the information relied upon to disqualify
316.19	the individual is incorrect;
316.20	(1) the disqualification relates to a ligance to provide relative shill factor care. As used
	(4) the disqualification relates to a license to provide relative child foster care. As used in this always "relative" has the magning given it and a section 2600,007, subdivision 26b
316.21	in this clause, "relative" has the meaning given it under section 260C.007, subdivision 26b
316.22	or 27;

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316.23 316.24	(5) the disqualified individual is a household member of a licensed foster care provider and:
316.25 316.26	(i) the disqualified individual previously received foster care services from this licensed foster care provider;
316.27 316.28	(ii) the disqualified individual was subsequently adopted by this licensed foster care provider; and
316.29	(iii) the disqualifying act occurred before the adoption; or
317.1 317.2 317.3	(6) a variance is granted to a child care center or family child care license holder for an individual's disqualification that is based on a felony-level conviction for a drug-related offense that occurred within the past five years.
317.4 317.5	(d) Licensed family child care providers and child care centers must provide notices as required under section 245C.301.
317.6 317.7	(e) (d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), the identity of household members who are the subject of a disqualification related set-aside or variance is not public data if:
317.8	(1) the household member resides in the residence where the family child care is provided;
317.9	(2) the subject of the set-aside or variance is under the age of 18 years; and
317.10 317.11	(3) the set-aside or variance only relates to a disqualification under section 245C.15, subdivision 4, for a misdemeanor-level theft crime as defined in section 609.52.
317.12 317.13 317.14 317.15	(f) (e) When the commissioner has reason to know that a disqualified individual has received an order for expungement for the disqualifying record that does not limit the commissioner's access to the record, and the record was opened or exchanged with the commissioner for purposes of a background study under this chapter, the data that would
317.16	otherwise become public under paragraph (a) or (b) remain private data.
317.17	Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.23, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
317.18	Subdivision 1. Disqualification that is rescinded or set aside. (a) If the commissioner
317.19	rescinds or sets aside a disqualification, the commissioner shall notify the applicant, license
317.20	holder, or other entity in writing or by electronic transmission of the decision.
317.21	(b) In the notice from the commissioner that a disqualification has been rescinded, the
317.22	commissioner must inform the applicant, license holder, or other entity that the information
317.23	relied upon to disqualify the individual was incorrect.
317.24	(e) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e), in the notice from the commissioner
317.25	that a disqualification has been set aside, the commissioner must inform the applicant,
317.26	license holder, or other entity of the reason for the individual's disqualification and that
217 27	information about which factors under section 245C 22 subdivision 4 were the basis of

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317.28	the decision to set aside the disqualification are available to the license holder upon request
317.29	without the consent of the background study subject.
317.30	(d) When the commissioner has reason to know that a disqualified individual has received
317.31	an order for expungement for the disqualifying record that does not limit the commissioner's
317.32	access to the record, and the record was opened or exchanged with the commissioner for
318.1	purposes of a background study under this chapter, the information provided under paragraph
318.2	(c) must only inform the applicant, license holder, or other entity that the disqualifying
318.3	eriminal record is sealed under a court order.
318.4	(e) The notification requirements in paragraph (c) do not apply when the set aside is
318.5	granted to an individual related to a background study for a licensed child care center,
318.6	certified license-exempt child care center, or family child care license holder, or for a legal
318.7	nonlicensed child care provider authorized under chapter 119B, and the individual is
318.8	disqualified for a felony-level conviction for a drug-related offense that occurred within the
318.9	past five years. The notice that the individual's disqualification is set aside must inform the
318.10	applicant, license holder, or legal nonlicensed child care provider that the disqualifying
318.11	criminal record is not public.
318.12	Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
318.13	Subd. 2. Commissioner's notice of disqualification that is not set aside. (a) The
318.14	commissioner shall notify the license holder of the disqualification and order the license
	holder to immediately remove the individual from any position allowing direct contact with
	persons receiving services from the license holder if:
318.17	(1) the individual studied does not submit a timely request for reconsideration under
318.18	section 245C.21;
318.19	(2) the individual submits a timely request for reconsideration, but the commissioner
318.20	does not set aside the disqualification for that license holder under section 245C.22, unless
	the individual has a right to request a hearing under section 245C.27, 245C.28, or 256.045;
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318.22	(3) an individual who has a right to request a hearing under sections 245C.27 and 256.045,
	or 245C.28 and chapter 14 for a disqualification that has not been set aside, does not request
318.24	a hearing within the specified time; or
318.25	(4) an individual submitted a timely request for a hearing under sections 245C.27 and
318.26	256.045, or 245C.28 and chapter 14, but the commissioner does not set aside the
	disqualification under section 245A.08, subdivision 5, or 256.045.
318.28	(b) If the commissioner does not set aside the disqualification under section 245C.22,
	and the license holder was previously ordered under section 245C.17 to immediately remove
518.30	the disqualified individual from direct contact with persons receiving services or to ensure

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THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS FROM H0238-3 ARTICLE 1.

28.23	Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
28.24 28.25 28.26 28.27	Subd. 2. Commissioner's notice of disqualification that is not set aside. (a) The commissioner shall notify the license holder of the disqualification and order the license holder to immediately remove the individual from any position allowing direct contact with persons receiving services from the license holder if:
28.28 28.29	(1) the individual studied does not submit a timely request for reconsideration under section 245C.21;
29.1 29.2 29.3	(2) the individual submits a timely request for reconsideration, but the commissioner does not set aside the disqualification for that license holder under section 245C.22, unless the individual has a right to request a hearing under section 245C.27, 245C.28, or 256.045;
29.4 29.5 29.6	(3) an individual who has a right to request a hearing under sections 245C.27 and 256.045 or 245C.28 and chapter 14 for a disqualification that has not been set aside, does not request a hearing within the specified time; or
29.7 29.8 29.9	(4) an individual submitted a timely request for a hearing under sections 245C.27 and 256.045, or 245C.28 and chapter 14, but the commissioner does not set aside the disqualification under section 245A.08, subdivision 5, or 256.045.
29.10	(b) If the commissioner does not set aside the disqualification under section 245C.22,

and the license holder was previously ordered under section 245C.17 to immediately remove

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29.12 the disqualified individual from direct contact with persons receiving services or to ensure

318.32 318.33	services, the order remains in effect pending the outcome of a hearing under sections 245C.2 and 256.045, or 245C.28 and chapter 14.
319.1 319.2 319.3 319.4 319.5 319.6 319.7	(c) If the commissioner does not set aside the disqualification under section 245C.22, and the license holder was not previously ordered under section 245C.17 to immediately remove the disqualified individual from direct contact with persons receiving services or to ensure that the individual is under continuous direct supervision when providing direct contact services, the commissioner shall order the individual to remain under continuous direct supervision pending the outcome of a hearing under sections 245C.27 and 256.045, or 245C.28 and chapter 14.
319.8 319.9 319.10	(d) For background studies related to child foster care when the applicant or license holder resides in the home where services are provided, the commissioner shall also notify the county or private agency that initiated the study of the results of the reconsideration.
319.11 319.12 319.13 319.14	(e) For background studies related to family child care, legal nonlicensed child care, adult foster care programs when the applicant or license holder resides in the home where services are provided, and family adult day services, the commissioner shall also notify the county that initiated the study of the results of the reconsideration.
319.15	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective April 28, 2025.
319.16	Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.24, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
319.17	Subd. 2. Permanent bar to set aside a disqualification. (a) Except as provided in
319.18	paragraphs (b) to $\frac{f}{g}$, the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of any
319.18 319.19	paragraphs (b) to $\frac{f}{g}$, the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed,
319.18 319.19 319.20	paragraphs (b) to $\frac{f}{g}$, the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision
319.18 319.19	paragraphs (b) to $\frac{f}{g}$, the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed,
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319.18 319.19 319.20 319.21	paragraphs (b) to $\frac{f}{g}$, the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision 1.
319.18 319.19 319.20 319.21 319.22	paragraphs (b) to (f) (g), the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision. (b) For an individual in the substance use disorder or corrections field who was
319.18 319.19 319.20 319.21 319.22 319.23	paragraphs (b) to (f) (g), the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision 1. (b) For an individual in the substance use disorder or corrections field who was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed under section 245C.15, subdivision 1, and whose disqualification was set aside prior to July 1, 2005, the commissioner must consider granting a variance pursuant to section 245C.30 for the license holder for a program dealing primarily
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319.18 319.19 319.20 319.21 319.22 319.23 319.24 319.25 319.26 319.27 319.28 319.29	paragraphs (b) to (f) (g), the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision 1. (b) For an individual in the substance use disorder or corrections field who was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed under section 245C.15, subdivision 1, and whose disqualification was set aside prior to July 1, 2005, the commissioner must consider granting a variance pursuant to section 245C.30 for the license holder for a program dealing primarily with adults. A request for reconsideration evaluated under this paragraph must include a letter of recommendation from the license holder that was subject to the prior set-aside decision addressing the individual's quality of care to children or vulnerable adults and the circumstances of the individual's departure from that service.
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319.18 319.19 319.20 319.21 319.22 319.23 319.24 319.25 319.26 319.27 319.28 319.29 319.30 319.31 319.32	paragraphs (b) to (f) (g), the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision 1. (b) For an individual in the substance use disorder or corrections field who was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed under section 245C.15, subdivision 1, and whose disqualification was set aside prior to July 1, 2005, the commissioner must consider granting a variance pursuant to section 245C.30 for the license holder for a program dealing primarily with adults. A request for reconsideration evaluated under this paragraph must include a letter of recommendation from the license holder that was subject to the prior set-aside decision addressing the individual's quality of care to children or vulnerable adults and the circumstances of the individual's departure from that service. (c) If an individual who requires a background study for nonemergency medical transportation services under section 245C.03, subdivision 12, was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed under section 245C.15, subdivision 1, and if more than 40 years have
319.18 319.19 319.20 319.21 319.22 319.23 319.24 319.25 319.26 319.27 319.28 319.30 319.31 319.32 319.33	paragraphs (b) to (f) (g), the commissioner may not set aside the disqualification of any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed, if the individual was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision 1. (b) For an individual in the substance use disorder or corrections field who was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed under section 245C.15, subdivision 1, and whose disqualification was set aside prior to July 1, 2005, the commissioner must consider granting a variance pursuant to section 245C.30 for the license holder for a program dealing primarily with adults. A request for reconsideration evaluated under this paragraph must include a letter of recommendation from the license holder that was subject to the prior set-aside decision addressing the individual's quality of care to children or vulnerable adults and the circumstances of the individual's departure from that service. (c) If an individual who requires a background study for nonemergency medical transportation services under section 245C.03, subdivision 12, was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed under section 245C.15, subdivision 1, and if more than 40 years have passed since the discharge of the sentence imposed, the commissioner may consider granting

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29.13 29.14 29.15	that the individual is under continuous, direct supervision when providing direct contact services, the order remains in effect pending the outcome of a hearing under sections 245C.27 and 256.045, or 245C.28 and chapter 14.
29.16	(c) If the commissioner does not set aside the disqualification under section 245C.22,
29.17	and the license holder was not previously ordered under section 245C.17 to immediately
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29.18	remove the disqualified individual from direct contact with persons receiving services or
29.19	to ensure that the individual is under continuous direct supervision when providing direct
29.20	contact services, the commissioner shall order the individual to remain under continuous
29.21	direct supervision pending the outcome of a hearing under sections 245C.27 and 256.045,
29.22	or 245C.28 and chapter 14.

- 29.23 (d) For background studies related to child foster care when the applicant or license holder resides in the home where services are provided, the commissioner shall also notify the county or private agency that initiated the study of the results of the reconsideration.
- 29.26 (e) For background studies related to family child care, legal nonlicensed child care,
 29.27 adult foster care programs when the applicant or license holder resides in the home where
 29.28 services are provided, and family adult day services, the commissioner shall also notify the
 29.29 county that initiated the study of the results of the reconsideration.
 - **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 28, 2025.

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320.5	clause (1); 617.246; or 617.247.
320.6	(d) When a licensed foster care provider adopts an individual who had received foster
320.7	care services from the provider for over six months, and the adopted individual is required
320.8	to receive a background study under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause
320.9	(2) or (6), the commissioner may grant a variance to the license holder under section 245C.30
320.10	to permit the adopted individual with a permanent disqualification to remain affiliated with
320.11	the license holder under the conditions of the variance when the variance is recommended
320.12	by the county of responsibility for each of the remaining individuals in placement in the
320.13	home and the licensing agency for the home.
320.14	(e) For an individual 18 years of age or older affiliated with a licensed family foster
320.15	setting, the commissioner must not set aside or grant a variance for the disqualification of
320.16	any individual disqualified pursuant to this chapter, regardless of how much time has passed,
320.17	if the individual was disqualified for a crime or conduct listed in section 245C.15, subdivision
320.18	4a, paragraphs (a) and (b).
320.19	(f) In connection with a family foster setting license, the commissioner may grant a
320.20	variance to the disqualification for an individual who is under 18 years of age at the time
320.21	the background study is submitted.
320.22	(g) The commissioner may set aside or grant a variance for any disqualification that is
320.23	based on conduct or a conviction in an individual's juvenile record.
320.24	Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.30, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
320.25	Subd. 2. Disclosure of reason for disqualification. (a) The commissioner may not grant
320.26	a variance for a disqualified individual unless the applicant, license-exempt child care center
320.27	certification holder, or license holder requests the variance and the disqualified individual
320.28	provides written consent for the commissioner to disclose to the applicant, license-exempt
320.29	child care center certification holder, or license holder the reason for the disqualification.
320.30	(b) This subdivision does not apply to programs licensed to provide family child care
320.31	for children, foster care for children in the provider's own home, or foster care or day care
320.32	services for adults in the provider's own home. When the commissioner grants a variance
320.33	for a disqualified individual in connection with a license to provide the services specified
321.1	in this paragraph, the disqualified individual's consent is not required to disclose the reason
321.2	for the disqualification to the license holder in the variance issued under subdivision 1,
321.3	provided that the commissioner may not disclose the reason for the disqualification if the
321.4	disqualification is based on a felony-level conviction for a drug-related offense within the
321.5	past five years.

320.4 609.205; 609.25; 609.342 to 609.3453; 609.352; 617.23, subdivision 2, clause (1), or 3,

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321.6	Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.32, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
321.7 321.8 321.9 321.10	Subd. 2. Use. (a) The commissioner may also use these systems and records to obtain and provide criminal history data from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, criminal history data held by the commissioner, and data about substantiated maltreatment under section 626.557 or chapter 260E, for other purposes, provided that:
321.11	(1) the background study is specifically authorized in statute; or
321.12 321.13	(2) the request is made with the informed consent of the subject of the study as provided in section 13.05, subdivision 4.
321.14 321.15	(b) An individual making a request under paragraph (a), clause (2), must agree in writing not to disclose the data to any other individual without the consent of the subject of the data.
321.16 321.17	(c) The commissioner may use these systems to share background study documentation electronically with entities and individuals who are the subject of a background study.
321.18 321.19 321.20 321.21	(d) The commissioner may recover the cost of obtaining and providing background study data by charging the individual or entity requesting the study a fee of no more than \$42 per study as described in section 245C.10. The fees collected under this paragraph are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
321.22	Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 524.5-118, is amended to read:
321.23 321.24	524.5-118 BACKGROUND STUDY MALTREATMENT AND STATE LICENSING AGENCY CHECKS; CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK.
321.25	Subdivision 1. When required; exception. (a) The court shall require a background
321.26 321.27	study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check under
	study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check under this section: (1) before the appointment of a guardian or conservator, unless a background study has maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check have been
321.27 321.28 321.29	study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check under this section: (1) before the appointment of a guardian or conservator, unless a background study has maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check have been
321.27 321.28 321.29 321.30 322.1	study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check under this section: (1) before the appointment of a guardian or conservator, unless a background study has maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check have been done on the person under this section within the previous five years; and (2) once every five years after the appointment, if the person continues to serve as a

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356.16	Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.32, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
356.19	Subd. 2. Use. (a) The commissioner may also use these systems and records to obtain and provide criminal history data from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, criminal history data held by the commissioner, and data about substantiated maltreatment under section 626.557 or chapter 260E, for other purposes, provided that:
356.21	(1) the background study is specifically authorized in statute; or
356.22 356.23	(2) the request is made with the informed consent of the subject of the study as provided in section 13.05, subdivision 4.
356.24 356.25	(b) An individual making a request under paragraph (a), clause (2), must agree in writing not to disclose the data to any other individual without the consent of the subject of the data.
356.26 356.27	(c) The commissioner may use these systems to share background study documentation electronically with entities and individuals who are the subject of a background study.
	(e) (d) The commissioner may recover the cost of obtaining and providing background study data by charging the individual or entity requesting the study a fee of no more than \$42 per study as described in section 245C.10. The fees collected under this paragraph are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.
357.1	Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 524.5-118, is amended to read:
357.1 357.2 357.3	Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 524.5-118, is amended to read: 524.5-118 BACKGROUND STUDY MALTREATMENT AND STATE LICENSING AGENCY CHECKS; CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK.
357.2	524.5-118 BACKGROUND STUDY MALTREATMENT AND STATE LICENSING
357.2 357.3 357.4 357.5	524.5-118 BACKGROUND STUDY MALTREATMENT AND STATE LICENSING AGENCY CHECKS; CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK. Subdivision 1. When required; exception. (a) The court shall require a background study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check under
357.2 357.3 357.4 357.5 357.6 357.7 357.8	524.5-118 BACKGROUND STUDY MALTREATMENT AND STATE LICENSING AGENCY CHECKS; CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK. Subdivision 1. When required; exception. (a) The court shall require a background study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check under this section: (1) before the appointment of a guardian or conservator, unless a background study has maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check have been
357.2 357.3 357.4 357.5 357.6 357.7 357.8 357.9 357.10 357.11	524.5-118 BACKGROUND STUDY MALTREATMENT AND STATE LICENSING AGENCY CHECKS; CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK. Subdivision 1. When required; exception. (a) The court shall require a background study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check under this section: (1) before the appointment of a guardian or conservator, unless a background study has maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check have been done on the person under this section within the previous five years; and (2) once every five years after the appointment, if the person continues to serve as a guardian or conservator. (b) The background study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and criminal

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322.8 322.9	(2) criminal history data from a national criminal history record check as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 13e; and
322.10 322.11 322.12 322.13 322.14	an agency listed in subdivision 2a that was conditioned, suspended, revoked, or canceled;
322.15 322.16	(4) data on whether the person has been a perpetrator of substantiated maltreatment of a vulnerable adult or a minor.
322.19	(c) If the guardian or conservator is not an individual, the background study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and the criminal history check must be done on all individuals currently employed by the proposed guardian or conservator who will be responsible for exercising powers and duties under the guardianship or conservatorship.
322.23 322.24 322.25 322.26	(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), if the court determines that it would be in the best interests of the person subject to guardianship or conservatorship to appoint a guardian or conservator before the background study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and the criminal history check can be completed, the court may make the appointment pending the results of the study, however, the background study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and the criminal history check must then be completed as soon as reasonably possible after appointment, no later than 30 days after appointment.
322.30 322.31 322.32	(e) The fee fees for background studies the maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and the criminal history check conducted under this section is are specified in section sections 245C.10, subdivision 14_15, and 299C.10, subdivisions 4 and 5. The fee fees for conducting a background study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and the criminal history check for the appointment of a professional guardian or conservator must be paid by the guardian or conservator. In other cases, the fee must be paid as follows:
323.1 323.2	(1) if the matter is proceeding in forma pauperis, the fee is an expense for purposes of section 524.5-502, paragraph (a);
323.3 323.4	(2) if there is an estate of the person subject to guardianship or conservatorship, the fee must be paid from the estate; or
323.5 323.6 323.7	(3) in the case of a guardianship or conservatorship of the person that is not proceeding in forma pauperis, the court may order that the fee be paid by the guardian or conservator or by the court.
323.8	(f) The requirements of this subdivision do not apply if the guardian or conservator is:
323.9	(1) a state agency or county;
323.10 323.11	(2) a parent or guardian of a person proposed to be subject to guardianship or conservatorship who has a developmental disability, if the parent or guardian has raised the

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357.17 357.18	(2) criminal history data from a national criminal history record check as defined in section 245C.02, subdivision 13e; and
357.19 357.20 357.21 357.22 357.23	(3) state licensing agency data if a search of the database or databases of the agencies listed in subdivision 2a shows that the proposed guardian or conservator has ever held a professional license directly related to the responsibilities of a professional fiduciary from an agency listed in subdivision 2a that was conditioned, suspended, revoked, or canceled and agency listed in subdivision 2a that was conditioned, suspended, revoked, or canceled and agency listed in subdivision 2a that was conditioned, suspended, revoked, or canceled and agency listed in subdivision 2a that was conditioned, suspended, revoked, or canceled and agency listed in subdivision 2a that was conditioned, suspended, revoked, or canceled and agency listed in subdivision 2a that was conditioned, suspended, revoked, or canceled and agency listed in subdivision 2a that was conditioned, suspended, revoked, or canceled and agency listed in subdivision 2a that was conditioned, suspended, revoked, or canceled and agency listed in subdivision 2a that was conditioned.
357.24 357.25	(4) data regarding whether the person has been a perpetrator of substantiated maltreatment of a vulnerable adult or minor.
357.26 357.27 357.28 357.29	currently employed by the proposed guardian or conservator who will be responsible for
357.30 357.31 357.32 358.1 358.2 358.3 358.4	(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), if the court determines that it would be in the best interests of the person subject to guardianship or conservatorship to appoint a guardian or conservator before the background study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and criminal history check can be completed, the court may make the appointment pending the results of the study checks, however, the background study maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and criminal history check must then be completed as soon as reasonably possible after appointment, no later than 30 days after appointment.
358.5 358.6 358.7 358.8 358.9 358.10	(e) The fee fees for background studies the maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and the criminal history check conducted under this section is are specified in section sections 245C.10, subdivision 14 15, and 299C.10, subdivisions 4 and 5. The fee fees for conducting a background study the checks for appointment of a professional guardian or conservator must be paid by the guardian or conservator. In other cases, the fee must be paid as follows:
358.11 358.12	(1) if the matter is proceeding in forma pauperis, the fee is an expense for purposes of section 524.5-502, paragraph (a);
358.13 358.14	(2) if there is an estate of the person subject to guardianship or conservatorship, the fee must be paid from the estate; or
358.15 358.16 358.17	(3) in the case of a guardianship or conservatorship of the person that is not proceeding in forma pauperis, the court may order that the fee be paid by the guardian or conservator or by the court.
358.18	(f) The requirements of this subdivision do not apply if the guardian or conservator is:
358.19	(1) a state agency or county;
358.20 358.21	(2) a parent or guardian of a person proposed to be subject to guardianship or conservatorship who has a developmental disability, if the parent or guardian has raised the

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323.12	person proposed to be subject to guardianship or conservatorship in the family home until
323.13	the time the petition is filed, unless counsel appointed for the person proposed to be subject
323.14	to guardianship or conservatorship under section 524.5-205, paragraph (e); 524.5-304,
323.15	paragraph (b); 524.5-405, paragraph (a); or 524.5-406, paragraph (b), recommends a
323.16	background study check; or
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323.18	the laws of any state or of the United States and which is regulated by the commissioner of
323.19	commerce or a federal regulator.

- 323.20 Subd. 2. Procedure; eriminal history and maltreatment records background 323.21 maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and criminal history check. (a) The court guardian or conservator shall request the commissioner of human services to Bureau of Criminal Apprehension complete a background study under section 245C.32 criminal 323.24 history check. The request must be accompanied by the applicable fee and acknowledgment that the study subject guardian or conservator received a privacy notice required under 323.26 subdivision 3. The commissioner of human services Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall conduct a national criminal history record check. The study subject guardian or conservator 323.28 shall submit a set of classifiable fingerprints. The fingerprints must be recorded on a fingerprint card provided by the commissioner of human services Bureau of Criminal 323.30 Apprehension.
- (b) The commissioner of human services Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall provide 323.31 323.32 the court with criminal history data as defined in section 13.87 from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in the Department of Public Safety, other criminal history data held by the commissioner of human services, data regarding substantiated maltreatment of vulnerable adults under section 626.557, and substantiated maltreatment of minors under chapter 260E, and criminal history information from other states or jurisdictions as indicated from a national criminal history record check within 20 working days of receipt of a request. If the subject of the study has been the perpetrator of substantiated maltreatment of a vulnerable adult or minor, the response must include a copy of the public portion of the investigation memorandum under section 626.557, subdivision 12b, or the public portion of the investigation memorandum under section 260E.30. The commissioner shall provide the court with information from a review of information according to subdivision 2a if the study subject provided information indicating current or prior affiliation with a state licensing 324.10

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324.11 324.12 (c) In accordance with section 245C.033, the commissioner of human services shall provide the court with data regarding substantiated maltreatment of vulnerable adults under section 626.557 and substantiated maltreatment of minors under chapter 260E within 25 working days of receipt of a request. If the guardian or conservator has been the perpetrator of substantiated maltreatment of a vulnerable adult or minor, the response must include a copy of any available public portion of the investigation memorandum under section 626.557, April 28, 2023 01:50 PM

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358.22 person proposed to be subject to guardianship or conservatorship in the family home until 358.23 the time the petition is filed, unless counsel appointed for the person proposed to be subject

	to guardianship or conservatorship under section 524.5-205, paragraph (e); 524.5-304, paragraph (b); 524.5-405, paragraph (a); or 524.5-406, paragraph (b), recommends a
	background study check; or
358.27	(3) a bank with trust powers, bank and trust company, or trust company, organized under
358.28	the laws of any state or of the United States and which is regulated by the commissioner of
358.29	commerce or a federal regulator.
358.30	Subd. 2. Procedure; maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and criminal
358.31	history and maltreatment records background check. (a) The court guardian or
358.32	conservator shall request that the commissioner of human services to Bureau of Criminal
358.33	Apprehension complete a background study under section 245C.32 criminal history check.
359.1	The request must be accompanied by the applicable fee and acknowledgment that the study
359.2	subject guardian or conservator received a privacy notice required under subdivision 3. The
359.3	eommissioner of human services Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall conduct a national
359.4	criminal history record check. The study subject guardian or conservator shall submit a set
359.5	of classifiable fingerprints. The fingerprints must be recorded on a fingerprint card provided
359.6	by the commissioner of human services Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

(b) The commissioner of human services Bureau of Criminal Apprehension shall provide 359.7 the court with criminal history data as defined in section 13.87 from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in the Department of Public Safety, other criminal history data held by the 359.10 commissioner of human services, data regarding substantiated maltreatment of vulnerable adults under section 626.557, and substantiated maltreatment of minors under chapter 260E, and criminal history information from other states or jurisdictions as indicated from a national criminal history record check within 20 working days of receipt of a request. In accordance with section 245C.033, the commissioner of human services shall provide the court with data regarding substantiated maltreatment of vulnerable adults under section 626.557, and 359.16 substantiated maltreatment of minors under chapter 260E within 25 working days of receipt of a request. If the subject of the study guardian or conservator has been the perpetrator of 359.18 substantiated maltreatment of a vulnerable adult or minor, the response must include a copy 359.19 of the any available public portion of the investigation memorandum under section 626.557, 359.20 subdivision 12b, or the any available public portion of the investigation memorandum under 359.21 section 260E.30. The commissioner shall provide the court with information from a review 359.22 of information according to subdivision 2a if the study subject provided information 359.23 indicating current or prior affiliation with a state licensing agency.

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	subdivision 12b, or any available public portion of the investigation memorandum under section 260E.30.
324.20	(d) Notwithstanding section 260E.30 or 626.557, subdivision 12b, if the commissioner
	of human services or a county lead agency or lead investigative agency has information that a person on whom a background study was previously done under this section has been
	determined to be a perpetrator of maltreatment of a vulnerable adult or minor, the
	commissioner or the county may provide this information to the court that requested the
	background study. The commissioner may also provide the court with additional criminal
	history or substantiated maltreatment information that becomes available after the background
324.27	study is done is determining eligibility for the guardian or conservator.
324.28	Subd. 2a. Procedure; state licensing agency data. (a) The court shall request In response
	to a request submitted under section 245C.033, the commissioner of human services to shall
	provide the court within 25 working days of receipt of the request with licensing agency
	data for licenses directly related to the responsibilities of a professional fiduciary if the study
	subject indicates guardian or conservator has a current or prior affiliation from the following
324.33	agencies in Minnesota:
324.34	(1) Lawyers Responsibility Board;
325.1	(2) State Board of Accountancy;
325.2	(3) Board of Social Work;
325.3	(4) Board of Psychology;
325.4	(5) Board of Nursing;
325.5	(6) Board of Medical Practice;
325.6	(7) Department of Education;
325.7	(8) Department of Commerce;
325.8	(9) Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
325.9	(10) Board of Dentistry;
325.10	(11) Board of Marriage and Family Therapy;
325.11	(12) Department of Human Services;
325.12	(13) Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board; and
325.13	(14) Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.
325.14	(b) The commissioner shall enter into agreements with these agencies to provide the
	commissioner with electronic access to the relevant licensing data, and to provide the
325.16	commissioner with a quarterly list of new sanctions issued by the agency.

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359.26 359.27 359.28 359.29 359.30	(c) Notwithstanding section 260E.30 or 626.557, subdivision 12b, if the commissioner of human services or a county lead agency or lead investigative agency has information that a person on whom a background study was previously done under this section has been determined to be a perpetrator of maltreatment of a vulnerable adult or minor, the commissioner or the county may provide this information to the court that requested the background study is determining eligibility for the guardian or conservator. The commissioner may also provide the court with additional criminal history or substantiated maltreatment information that becomes available after the background study is done.
359.34	Subd. 2a. Procedure; state licensing agency data. (a) <u>In response to a request submitted under section 245C.033</u> , the court shall request the commissioner of human services to <u>shall provide the court within 25 working days of receipt of the request with licensing agency agency.</u>
359.35 360.1 360.2	data for licenses directly related to the responsibilities of a professional fiduciary if the study subject indicates guardian or conservator has a current or prior affiliation from with any of the following agencies in Minnesota:
360.3	(1) Lawyers Responsibility Board;
360.4	(2) State Board of Accountancy;
360.5	(3) Board of Social Work;
360.6	(4) Board of Psychology;
360.7	(5) Board of Nursing;
360.8	(6) Board of Medical Practice;
360.9	(7) Department of Education;
360.10	(8) Department of Commerce;
360.11	(9) Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
360.12	(10) Board of Dentistry;
360.13	(11) Board of Marriage and Family Therapy;
360.14	(12) Department of Human Services;
360.15	(13) Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board; and
360.16	(14) Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.
	(b) The commissioner shall enter into agreements with these agencies to provide the commissioner with electronic access to the relevant licensing data, and to provide the commissioner with a quarterly list of new sanctions issued by the agency.

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325.17	(e) The commissioner shall provide <u>information</u> to the court the electronically available
325.18	data maintained in the agency's database, including whether the proposed guardian or
325.19	conservator is or has been licensed by the agency, and if the licensing agency database
325.20	indicates a disciplinary action or a sanction against the individual's license, including a
325.21	eondition, suspension, revocation, or cancellation in accordance with section 245C.033.
325.22	(d) If the proposed guardian or conservator has resided in a state other than Minnesota
325.23	in the previous ten years, licensing agency data under this section shall also include the
325.24	licensing agency data from any other state where the proposed guardian or conservator
325.25	reported to have resided during the previous ten years if the study subject indicates current
325.26	or prior affiliation. If the proposed guardian or conservator has or has had a professional
325.27	license in another state that is directly related to the responsibilities of a professional fiduciar
325.28	from one of the agencies listed under paragraph (a), state licensing agency data shall also
325.29	include data from the relevant licensing agency of that state.
326.1	(e) The commissioner is not required to repeat a search for Minnesota or out-of-state
326.2	licensing data on an individual if the commissioner has provided this information to the
326.3	eourt within the prior five years.
326.4	(f) The commissioner shall review the information in paragraph (c) at least once every
326.5	four months to determine if an individual who has been studied within the previous five
326.6	vears:
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326.7	(1) has new disciplinary action or sanction against the individual's license; or
326.8	(2) did not disclose a prior or current affiliation with a Minnesota licensing agency.
326.9	(g) If the commissioner's review in paragraph (f) identifies new information, the
326.10	eommissioner shall provide any new information to the court.
326.11	Subd. 3. Forms and systems. The court In accordance with section 245C.033, the
326.12	commissioner must provide the study subject guardian or conservator with a privacy notice
326.13	for maltreatment and state licensing agency checks that complies with section 245C.05,
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326.15	to conduct a background study under this section 13.04, subdivision 2. The Bureau of
326.16	Criminal Apprehension must provide the guardian or conservator with a privacy notice for
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326.18	Subd. 4. Rights. The court shall notify the subject of a background study guardian or
326.19	conservator that the subject guardian or conservator has the following rights:
326.20	(1) the right to be informed that the court will request a background study on the subject
326.21	maltreatment and state licensing checks and a criminal history check on the guardian or
326.22	conservator for the purpose of determining whether the person's appointment or continued
326.23	appointment is in the best interests of the person subject to guardianship or conservatorship;
326.24	(2) the right to be informed of the results of the study checks and to obtain from the
326.25	court a copy of the results; and

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60.20	(e) (b) The commissioner shall provide information to the court the electronically
60.21	available data maintained in the agency's database, including whether the proposed guardian
60.22	or conservator is or has been licensed by the agency, and if the licensing agency database
60.23	indicates a disciplinary action or a sanction against the individual's license, including a
60.24	eondition, suspension, revocation, or cancellation in accordance with section 245C.033.
60.25	(d) If the proposed guardian or conservator has resided in a state other than Minnesota
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60.28	reported to have resided during the previous ten years if the study subject indicates current
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61.1	from one of the agencies listed under paragraph (a), state licensing agency data shall also
61.2	include data from the relevant licensing agency of that state.
61.3	(e) The commissioner is not required to repeat a search for Minnesota or out-of-state
61.4	licensing data on an individual if the commissioner has provided this information to the
61.5	court within the prior five years.
61.6	(f) The commissioner shall review the information in paragraph (c) at least once every
61.7	four months to determine if an individual who has been studied within the previous five
61.8	years:
61.9	(1) has new disciplinary action or sanction against the individual's license; or
61.10	(2) did not disclose a prior or current affiliation with a Minnesota licensing agency.
61.11	(g) If the commissioner's review in paragraph (f) identifies new information, the
61.12	commissioner shall provide any new information to the court.
61.13	Subd. 3. Forms and systems. The court In accordance with section 245C.033, subdivision
61.14	3, the commissioner of human services must provide the study subject guardian or conservator
61.15	with a privacy notice for the maltreatment and state licensing agency checks that complies
61.16	with section 245C.05, subdivision 2e 13.04, subdivision 2. The commissioner of human
61.17	services shall use the NETStudy 2.0 system to conduct a background study under this section,
61.18	The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension must provide the guardian or conservator with a
61.19	privacy notice for the criminal history check.
61.20	Subd. 4. Rights. The court shall notify the subject of a background study guardian or
61.21	conservator that the subject has they have the following rights:
61.22	(1) the right to be informed that the court will request a background study on the subject
61.23	maltreatment and state licensing agency checks and a criminal history check on the guardian
61.24	or conservator for the purpose of determining whether the person's appointment or continued
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61.26	(2) the right to be informed of the results of the study checks and to obtain from the
	court a copy of the results; and

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	(3) the right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of information contained in the results under section 13.04, subdivision 4, except to the extent precluded by section 256.045, subdivision 3.
326.29	Sec. 47. REPEALER.
326.30 326.31	(a) Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 245C.02, subdivision 14b; 245C.031, subdivisions 5, 6, and 7; 245C.032; and 245C.30, subdivision 1a, are repealed.
326.32	(b) Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.11, subdivision 3, is repealed.
327.1 327.2	EFFECTIVE DATE. Paragraph (a) is effective August 1, 2023, and paragraph (b) is effective April 28, 2025.

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- 361.28 (3) the right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of information contained in the 361.29 results under section 13.04, subdivision 4, except to the extent precluded by section 256.045, 361.30 subdivision 3.
- 362.1 Sec. 32. **REPEALER.**
- Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 245C.02, subdivision 14b; 245C.031, subdivisions
- 5, 6, and 7; 245C.032; and 245C.30, subdivision 1a, are repealed.

 SECTION 245C.11, SUBD. 3, IS ALSO REPEALED IN H0238-3 ARTICLE 1, SECTION 38.

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